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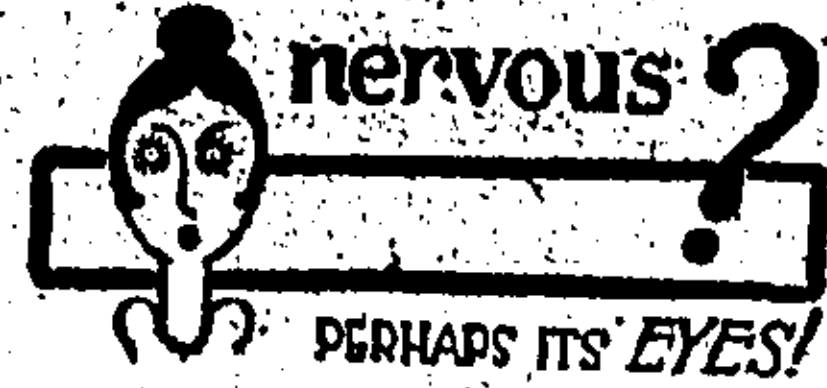
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BLAZE ON BRITISH STEAMER

FIRE BRIGADE WORK FOR AN HOUR & A HALF ON "CALULU"

SMOKE BELCHING FORTH

A blaze on an ocean-going British steamer of several thousand tons in Hong Kong harbour lasted the better part of this morning but, thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade, it was subdued.

The vessel was the Austral-China Navigation Co.'s a.s. Calulu, which was lying at A3 mooring, in the stream.

At about 6.30 a.m., it was reported to Captain Thomas P. Blair that fire had broken out in No. 5 hold, which is one of the lower compartments aft, containing 500 tons of coal.

The officers and crew, comprising 13 Britons and 58 Asiatics, set to work with a will. The alarm was passed to No. 7 Police Launch, which transmitted it to Central Fire Station.

Hidden By Smoke
When No. 1 Fire Float arrived alongside with Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer, just after seven o'clock, the smoke was so thick that entry into the ship's holds was impossible. Smoke belched forth and hid a part of the steamer from view.

Those aboard pointed out the scene of the outbreak as being on one side of a tunnel. Six deliveries were directed into the place and water poured in so that it soaked through the coal. By the time that the water stood about eight feet high, the outbreak was at an end, the firemen having worked for an hour and a half.

Gas Masks Used
Although gas masks were brought out—as is usual with all occurrences on shipboard—they were not used by the Fire Brigade; this was not because there were no dangerous fumes, but because it was not necessary to fight a way into the hold.

Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the cause and about 100 tons of coal was lost.

No Material Damage
There was no material damage to the ship although the sides became "fairly warm at one time," as one of the firemen said.

The job was to be completed by pumping out the water and shifting the coal. Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, was on the scene and No. 1 fire float was also sent out.

The Calulu arrived at 3 p.m. on January 6 from Australia via Manila and had on board 165 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

BIG FALL IN LONDON SILVER MARKET

INDUSTRY IN ACUTE STATE OF OVER-PRODUCTION

LEVELS FOR CHINA

London, Yesterday.
Commenting on the fall in the price of silver in London bullion market yesterday to 20.5/16 pence per ounce, the lowest on record, the Daily Mail says that little hope is entertained that the discovery of new markets for silver is sufficiently important to set off the loss entailed in the almost universal abandonment of silver as a standard currency. The silver industry, therefore, is in an acute state of over-production, which most authorities believe presages a further fall in values, although bullion dealers generally believe that quotations will settle at a paying level for China.—Reuter.

FIRM HAND TAKEN WITH RIOTERS

SAMOA'S ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY

SURRENDER-DEMANDED

Wellington, Yesterday.
In consequence of the murder of a police during the outbreak at Apia on December 30, the New Zealand Government has decided to adopt a firmer policy in Samoa, and has authorized the Administrator to take whatever action is necessary to assert the law and maintain order. The cruiser Dunedin, carrying a garrison, has left Auckland for Samoa.

Must Return Home
Officials have been ordered to inform the Samoan population that the Government will not tolerate any further acts of violence. Those who are responsible for the outbreak must return home.

REDUCING THE NAVY PROGRAMME

PREMIER SAYS IT WOULD NOT IMPAIR SECURITY

NAVAL CONFERENCE

Rugby, Yesterday.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald left Lisslemouth, his Scottish home, today for London. Before his departure he made a statement to the press regarding the "Five" Power Naval Conference. He said that the Conference would deal with every class of warship, from dreadnoughts to submarines. Things were very well advanced. There were little points on which agreement had not yet been reached, but none of them was of so great importance that agreement was impossible. He felt quite optimistic about the prospects. It was no use shouting before the conference was over, for there were one or two difficult matters to be arranged arising out of any ill will, but out of the different conditions of the countries. He saw no reason, however, for fearing that accommodation would not be reached.

The Reductions
The Premier added that it was with the full consent of the Admiralty up to now that the British Government was prepared to make proposals at the Naval Conference which would mean a considerable reduction in the British naval programme without in any degree impairing the security of the Empire. "But everybody, both at home and abroad, must very clearly understand that these reductions will depend upon international agreement. It is quite impossible for any one country to go beyond what can reasonably be regarded as a state of international equilibrium."

The Japanese delegates to the Naval Conference will lunch with Mr. MacDonald at his official country residence at Chequers on Saturday.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. Press Criticism

Washington, Yesterday.
The American delegation to the London Naval Conference are leaving for Britain on January 9 amid a chorus of goodwill.

The Republican and "Big Navy" paper, the Herald Tribune, believed that great difficulties may arise as the result of conflicting national interests, but there is reason to be hopeful that great things will be done at London. The Herald Tribune wishes the delegation all possible success.

The New York Times, (Independent) emphasises that an instantaneous and sweeping success for the conference is not to be expected, and says that the delegation bear with them the hopes and prayers of all who believe that the mighty issues of peace and security for the whole world depend on the outcome of the conference.

The Democrat paper, the Evening World, warns the public to be on guard against hostile propaganda inspired by those financially interested in defeating the purpose of the conference.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier News

Rugby, Yesterday.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Alexander, who will be one of the chief British delegates at the forthcoming Naval Conference, speaking at a meeting last night, said that the conference was fraught with great issues. There was no realm of human endeavour in which the spirit of co-operation was more needed than in the effort to secure a better basis for peace by agreement and by reduction of armaments.

Mr. Alexander continued: "You will find that as soon as the Conference is launched public opinion will be played upon from two extreme angles. You will get probably a very large propaganda for a very drastic, if not complete disarmament, and you will get equally a very large propaganda to the effect that any move we make in the way of reduction is going completely to undermine the basis of our national and imperial security."

Those who go into the conference have not to be moved by either of these extreme forms of propaganda. What we have to do is to go into the conference as men of reason, and to bring back with us a firm basis for peace and security for the whole world.

THIEF IN EUROPEAN LADY'S BEDROOM

STOLEN CLOTHING WHICH PAWN BROKER WOULD NOT ACCEPT

A COOL ROBBERY

A cool thief was enacted by an unemployed Chinese yesterday at 534, Nathan Road, (ground floor) the residence of Mrs. Furzer.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning the man was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with the larceny of three pieces of clothing, the property of Mrs. Furzer.

Detective Inspector Fallon, prosecuting, stated that at 6.30 p.m., the defendant was arrested by a Chinese detective coming out of a pawnshop in Shanghai Street. The defendant had evidently had the articles refused by the pawnbroker.

The man was taken to the Yau-mat Police Station. On being questioned, he led Inspector Fallon and the detective to the house, from which he admitted that he had stolen the clothing.

Through the Front Door

Inspector Fallon pointed out that the defendant must have got in through the front door, which was open because the children were playing on the pavement outside.

Mrs. Furzer said that the clothing must have been taken from her bedroom.

Inspector Fallon remarked that the defendant had no reason to steal at all, because when he was searched at the Yau-mat Police Station he had \$1.20 on his person.

Nothing being known of the man, sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

The Magistrate asked why the pawnbroker, if he were suspicious, did not hold the defendant at the time of the pawning.

Inspector Fallon pointed out that the pawnbrokers were very busy at present, as the Chinese New Year was so close at hand.

MUI TSAIS AND REGISTRATION

OWNERS ACTIVE AT THE SECRETARIAT

A MISAPPREHENSION

Quite a number of Chinese owners of mui t'ai have attended the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs during the last few weeks so that these girls could be registered in compliance with the requirements of the latter section of the Ordinance, which section was brought into effect recently by the Hong Kong Government, on instructions from the Colonial Office in London.

The period during which owners will not be prosecuted for non-registration is six months from December 1, 1929, the date on which regulations governing registration came into force. In this connection it may be necessary to point out a misapprehension in some of the local vernacular papers, which intimated that registration can or will only be effected within the six months' period. This is not so. After expiration, the owner of a mui t'ai and all can be prosecuted for non-registration, will still have to register but there is the risk of prosecution for not having registered within the period.

PRICE SOARING UP

Canton, Yesterday.
The prices of the three daily articles—firewood, rice and peanut oil—have been steadily increasing of late, due to the temporary suspension of both land and river communications. It is reported that the price of firewood has gone up 50 per cent., while that of rice for 50 cents per picul, and that of peanut oil, \$1 per jar. These prices will probably remain steady until February.—Canton News Agency.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

One European (imported) case of typhoid, and two cases of diphtheria (Chinese), from Victoria City and Kowloon, were reported on January 8.

ed to a general end. For that we must work. Thirdly, if that co-operation can be secured, and a basis of armament formed, and if we can first avoid the re-opening of a race in armaments by reaching a point of agreement, then there is good ground for a substantial reduction in armaments. This is the only way to peace.

COLD SPELL HERE CONTINUES

PADDED JACKETS FOR POOR CHINESE

TEMPERATURE HIGHER

The cold snap continues and, so far as the layman is aware, that anti-cyclone central to the north of the Yangtze Valley has yet to move eastward to bring about a rise of temperature in Hong Kong. At eight o'clock this morning was registered the lowest temperature of the last 24 hours, this being 45.5 degrees at the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, as compared with 41.4 yesterday.

Some of the leading Chinese institutions of charity in the Colony have sent representatives out at night distributing padded jackets with cotton (the favorite wear of all but the wealthy Chinese) to those who sleep in the streets and whose names is legion.

Heavy Head Winds

Both ocean and coasting steamers arriving in Hong Kong during the last 48 hours report having encountered strong N.E. monsoon, parti-

CHINA AND THE GOLD BASIS TO COME?

Government View on Fall of Silver

Nanking, To-day.
An emergency meeting of the National Government of China is being held to consider steps to deal with the chaotic situation created by the slump in silver.

Although a gradual fall was regarded as inevitable, speculative activities are mostly blamed for the present rapid decline.

According to an official newspaper, the Government is considering the adoption of a dollar standard, with the eventual adoption of a gold basis.—Reuter.

NEW CHINESE POST

CHINESE ASSISTANT IN THE S. C. A.

THE FIRST HOLDER

The position of "Chinese Assistant" in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs—which should not be confused with that of Chief Assistant, Second Assistant, and so on, held by Cadet officers—has been filled.

This post was created last year and provision was made for same, at a salary commensurate with that of senior subordinate employees of the Government. It was referred to in the last Budget debate in the Legislative Council and approved without query.

Mr. Lau Tse-ping is the new Chinese Assistant. When the present Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) was District Officer in the New Territories, Mr. Lau served under him. Subsequently Mr. Lau became Chinese Writer in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, a position which he was eminently fitted to hold by his accomplishments as a Chinese scholar. Leaving the S.C.A., Mr. Lau served the Chinese Government for a time. He was District Magistrate in more than one place. Secretary to the Kwangtung Provincial Government and one time Deputy Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton.

When a consular for Vernacular papers was inaugurated, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Lau joined the Civil Service as censor and has now received this high promotion.

THEFT OF IRON BARS

The prevalence of thefts of iron bars in the Shamshuipo district was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Detective Sergeant Meadows, when two Chinese were before him. Mr. T. B. Whyte-Smith charged with stealing and receiving eight iron bars, valued at \$25, the property of the Lun Sang Building, Contractor at Prince Edward Road.

First accused stated that a friend of his had asked him to take these bars on a truck, he obeyed him. The second man told the Magistrate that he was only a coolie and was hired out by the first man to take the bars.

The Magistrate committed the first defendant and sentenced him to one month's imprisonment, and the second defendant, who pleaded guilty, to one month's imprisonment.

FAMILY UNITY

Man Marries His Son's Wife's Mother

Philadelphus, Yesterday.
A man, whose name was not given, married his son's wife's mother. The man was 45 years of age and the woman was 35 years of age. They had been married for 10 years.

THE ABOLITION OF EXTRALITY

LARGE SCALE ANTI-FOREIGN DEMONSTRATIONS STAGED

"FOISTING AGGRESSION"

Canton, Yesterday.
Speaking at the Memorial Service on January 6, Dr. Ching Kum-kum said: The abolition of extrality, which is a part of the will of Dr. Sun, is now in the process of accomplishment, and it is believed that it will be realised in the year 1930. With regard to Britain's opinion, the British have already sent their delegate to confer with the Government on this question. America has been non-committal, as there has been no conflict with the treaties between the two countries; while Japan holds a different view from other countries according to her interests in China, which differ from those of other countries.

We will, however, continue with an indefatigable spirit and proceed gradually in the abolition of extrality, in the recovery of inland navigation rights, and foreign concessions.

Mr. Kum added that Hu Hon-man had sent a telegram to the different important parties in Britain on the extrality question, and Mr. Tang Shoo-yl had done likewise in respect to America.

Demonstrations to be Made
In connection with the abolition of extrality, which is regarded as instrumental in foisting aggression upon China, and which cancellation has been declared by the Central Government on New Year's Day, the different organisations of this city have proposed to make preparations for a demonstration to endorse the action of the National Government. It is reported that at a meeting of the Provincial Kuomintang on January 6, it was decided to stage on January 10 a demonstration on a large scale in the eastern suburbs.—Canton News Agency.

PORTUGUESE FAMILY IN ASSAULT CASE

CHRISTMAS DAY INCIDENT AT HAPPY VALLEY

"A THIRD PARTY"

A case of alleged assault and causing grievous bodily harm to Mr. G. H. Blok by a Portuguese family will be heard at the Central Magistracy before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham on Thursday next at 2.15 p.m. Cross-summonses were issued, and when the case was mentioned before the Court this morning, it was intimated that a third party was making overtures to Mr. Blok with the view of settling the matter out of Court.

Original summonses were taken out by Mr. Blok against Mr. H. A. Botelho, article clerk to Mr. Leo d'Almada and Mr. N. B. Maher, for assault and causing bodily harm on December 25 at about 10.45 p.m., just outside the house of the complainant, and against Mr. A. C. Botelho, Mrs. A. C. Botelho and Miss Cissie Botelho for using abusive language to the complainant.

Cross-summonses were issued against Mr. Blok.

Mr. F. C. Rendall is appearing for the original complainant, and Mr. Leo d'Almada is representing the Botelho family and N. B. Maher.

When the case was mentioned this morning, Mr. d'Almada asked for a late date for the hearing of the case, remarking that he understood that the case would likely be settled.

Third Party Intervention
Mr. Rendall said that was the first time he heard of the fact that overtures were being made to his client, and he was sure that his client knew nothing about it.

Mr. d'Almada replied that a third party was intervening and that Mr. Rendall could not possibly know about it.

The hearing was then accordingly fixed for next Thursday afternoon.

Before the Court rose, Mr. Rendall drew his Worship's attention to an irregularity in the cross-summonses. He said that Mr. Blok was summoned to attend Court on Wednesday (yesterday) morning. He (Mr. Rendall) had personally advised his client to be present, but when the summonses were called, the complainants (Mr. Maher, Miss Botelho and Mr. A. C. Botelho) were not present. In view of that, he would ask his Worship to strike out the cross-summonses.

Obvious Mistake

Mr. d'Almada interrupted and said that there was an obvious mistake.

Mr. Rendall said that his client had wasted his time in coming to Court and had it been the other way about, a warrant might have been issued against his client for not attending Court.

Mr. d'Almada again remarked that there was only a technical mistake, and he could assure Mr. Rendall that he would not have taken a mean advantage if Mr. Rendall's client was not present. His Worship accepted Mr. d'Almada's explanation and allowed the cross-summonses to stand.

ABOLITION OF TEA-MONEY

Canton, Yesterday.
Tea-money and guarantee in house-renting have long been a standing evil in this City. Strangers who could not secure any one to act as guarantor, find it impossible to get into a house at any cost. The Municipal Kuomintang Organisation, having this evil custom in mind, has petitioned the Municipality, calling attention to the many inconveniences and drawbacks of such a custom and requesting its abolition to save the people from annoying formalities and unreasonable actions on the part of the landlords.—Canton News Agency.

AVIATION CONTRACT

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Aviation Company has sent a despatch to the Ministries of Finance, Communications, Military Affairs and Foreign Affairs, requesting them to send delegates to negotiate the cancellation of the Aviation Contract entered into between China and America.

Canton News Agency.

IS PROHIBITION A FAILURE?

ITS ENFORCEMENT DENOUNCED BY U.S. SENATOR

AN ALCOHOLIC BON MOT

Washington, Yesterday.
The Prohibition pot boiled and sizzled in the House of Representatives today, when Signor Laguardia, a fiery Italian, who represents New York, denounced the enforcement at present carried out as a failure, and strongly condemned the coastguards' practice of shooting to kill.

"Drys" rallied to the defence of the coastguards, and demanded the support of Congress in their efforts to suppress rum running.

The Treasury Department states that the Government contemplates adding 500 new ports of entry along the Canadian border. They will do their utmost to prevent crossings elsewhere.

Must Do Their Duty
Coastguard officials, while expressing regret at the shootings, indicate that they are determined to carry out their duty. Meanwhile social Washington is titillated over the "bon mot" attributed to a certain Senator in reference to his colleagues—"Let him that is without gin amongst you cast the first stone."—Reuter's American Service.

An Ottawa cable published yesterday stated:—

The Federal Government has received a preliminary report from Mr. Massey, Canadian Minister in Washington, outlining the proposals of the Washington Government for a large increase of the border patrol with a view to stopping the inflow of Canadian liquor into the United States, also suggesting the establishment of 500 new ports of entry in addition to the present 100 official ports at which traffic across the border can be concentrated and adequately controlled.

At present there are thousands of points along the border line at which motor-cars can cross, and the object of the Washington Government is to centralise as far as possible the crossing points with strengthened Prohibition and Customs forces.

THE MEMORIAL THEATRE

AMERICA SENDS \$176,000 FOR SHAKESPEAREAN FUND

J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT

New York, Yesterday.
The American Shakespeare Foundation, which is working in co-operation with the British committee to rebuild and endow the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, reports that the net balance to the credit of the Foundation on December 31 amounted to \$176,000, including a gift of \$50,000 from John D. Rockefeller, made to the British Fund in 1927, but which was retained by the American committee to secure benefit of high interest rates in New York; but not including various donations forwarded by American contributors direct to Stratford.

The estimated cost of the new theatre is \$150,000.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH APOLOGY TO GERMANS

TEMPERS THAT WERE FRATED AT THE HAGUE

SOON CORDIAL AGAIN

The Hague, Yesterday.
The French and German incident has been satisfactorily settled by the issue of a French communique instigated by the German delegates declaring that yesterday's meeting was "entirely cordial. From the beginning to the end there was no incident of any kind." An optimistic feeling prevails that all is well.

Yesterday's French and German clash had a serious sequel to-day, a member of the German delegation demanding "Mr. Kautsky to explain the 'offensive'." Statement published in French newspapers adversely reflecting on the German government.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong, 8th January, 1930.

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**INDIAN SCIENTIST'S
EXPERIMENTS**

A VISIT TO THE BOSE
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LIFE MECHANISM

Calcutta.—On a visit he has just paid to the Bose Research Institute in Calcutta, Reuter's special correspondent witnessed some remarkable demonstrations in connection with Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose's apparatus for recording the life-growth of plants, and also in the establishment of his thesis of identical life-mechanism in the animal and vegetable kingdoms.

I was lucky enough (Reuter's correspondent says) to arrive while it was still light at the Bose Institute, and was conducted, before the demonstration in the lecture theatre started, round a charming garden. In this garden are grown the plants on which Sir Jagadis Bose conducts his experiments. Around it are the laboratories and workshops and the quarters of the European and Indian students. Not a plant, not a screw, comes from outside, and the scientist's marvellously delicate instruments are all home-made.

Later on, in the theatre, the revelations made by Sir Jagadis Bose's new type of "growth balance" caused a sensation. This, apparently, not only visualises imperceptible growth, but makes an immediate measurement of the rate. The apparatus is so exceptionally sensitive that it records the response of plants to wireless stimulation, which is beyond the range of human perception. The establishment of the laws of growth, on which the advancement of scientific agriculture depends, has been rendered possible by this new method.

Other equally astonishing experiments with animals and plants, carried out side by side, established the identical life-mechanism in the two kingdoms. The leg of the frog, as well as the leaf of the mimosa, produced similar dancing movements under nervous excitation.

A plant was next made to inscribe its throbbing pulsations, and pulse beat under the action of poison appeared like the fluttering of a creature struggling for life. The resonant cardiograph recorded the characteristic effects of different Indian drugs on the animal heart. These have been tested and verified by leading experts of the Faculty of Medicine in Vienna.

The heart-beat of a frog had just come to a stop, the animal being to all intents and purposes dead. The injection of a few drops of an Indian drug of high potency caused revival of the heart's action, and the animal was brought back to life. A large number of Indian plants are being discovered to have medicinal properties, the existence of which had never been suspected. Their efficacy in reviving a falling heart appears to be exceptionally high.

Further progress necessitates the isolation of active principles from plant extracts, as well as prolonged investigation for the standardisation of the dose on human subjects. The results would, it is believed lead to the establishment of a new pharmacopoeia for the relief of humanity.

A BAD IMPRESSION

**British Workers Return
From Russia**

A delegation of some fifty British, German, and French workmen, who have made an extensive trip in Soviet Russia, arrived at Stobol, on the Russo-Polish border.

Press reports published in Warsaw say that delegates intentionally left behind several hundred kilograms of Soviet propaganda booklets printed in several languages, as "cumbersome and useless," and containing gross mis-statements as to the condition of workers in Soviet Russia. They state, it is added, that workers' conditions there are most deplorable.

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**KEEPING OUT THE
BUILDER**

SHAKESPEARE'S COUNTRY TO
BE SAVED

WELCOMBE HOUSE

A sale of particular interest to all Englishmen took place at Stratford-on-Avon recently, when a portion of the Welcombe Park estate, which adjoins the Warwick Road out of Stratford, was put up for auction. Much land round Stratford has been sold in the past for building purposes, but the peculiarity of this offer by auction was that the land, which borders the only road out of Stratford which has remained free from "ribbon" development, was to be sold to keep the builder out, and thus preserve for all time a piece of landscape which beyond all cavil can be labelled Shakespeare's.

Originally, the sale was to comprise the 70 acres of the estate bordering the road. To prevent this, Mr. Archibald Flower, who is a resident and member of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, made a prior purchase of this portion, together with the large house and ground occupied by Sir George and Lady Trevelyan until their death a short time ago. At the auction, he offered for sale the house and grounds only, with the object of obtaining a price, the balance of which over the "upset" figure of £12,500 will help to purchase the roadside lots for the nation. Welcombe House stands in beautiful park-like grounds and is in perfect condition. It is suggested that it would be suitable for a school or a large hotel.

From the house, one looks across to the River Avon, and beyond, to Edge Hill in the far distance. Incidentally, it is pointed out that Mr. Flower's action in purchasing the roadside lots has enhanced the value of the house, because the purchaser will now be certain of enjoying an uninterrupted view free from buildings.

'STAMBOUL'

**Constantinople And Its
New Name**

Stamboul.—Prominence is given by the Turkish Press to the replacement of the name of Constantinople by that of Stamboul. For sixteen centuries, nearly to the day, the name of Constantinople has been used in international intercourse, as it was on May 11, 330, that the Emperor Constantine solemnly inaugurated his new capital on the shores of the Bosphorus.

To the Turks themselves it never was Constantinople, but Istanbul. They tolerated its being called Constantinople by foreigners, and it is with regard to foreign countries that this change of name is supposed to have been judged necessary.

Curiously, the word "Istanbul" is etymologically not of Turkish, but of Greek origin. When they were going to Constantinople the Greeks of the Byzantine period used to say: "I am going to the town of —", hearing which the Turks grew accustomed to call it by this name, abridging the words to "Is-tan-bol." Among the Turks, it is, however, current to explain the word Istanbul as signifying Islam-bol, i.e., the town of Islam.

An Alternative
With regard to the change in the name of Constantinople to "Istanbul," Lloyd's agents have interviewed the managing director of the post office there. The managing director informed Lloyd's agents that the notice in the press regarding the return or refusal of letters addressed "Constantinople" is quite erroneous. No such instructions had been issued, and letters addressed "Constantinople" will be delivered as usual. He added that such a step could not be taken until the general public abroad had become aware of the new name. As regard telegrams, however, instructions had been sent to foreign post offices regarding the change of name, and consequently telegrams should no longer be addressed "Constantinople."

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SMALLEST BABY

**A Foot In Height After
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At the age of three weeks Manci's height was twelve and a half inches, and though she is still far below normal size she is the pride of the clinic in which she was born, and has been visited by medical men from Vienna, Berlin and Paris. The "Pesti Naplo" learns that at the forthcoming sitting of the doctors' association, Manci is the subject scheduled for debate.

**Do Weather Changes
Worry You?**

Now is the time of year when the aches and pains of rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago and neuralgia attack many people. The reason is that the blood has become watery and the nerves have got run down as a result of the past hot season, and so the system is enfeebled and incapable of resisting chills and damp and sudden weather changes.

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The "Overland" tells about the New Year Honours which came to Hong Kong; about the magnificent investiture held at Government House; about the unique Agricultural Show in the New Territories when H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) took the opportunity to bid good-bye to his many friends among the country Chinese; and also about that annual function of Englishmen in the Colony, St. George's Ball.

There are many other subjects which engage attention. These are too numerous to mention individually but they go to add value to the "Overland," which is certain to be in demand. Make sure of your copy.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fall to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

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ALTAI MARU	Sunday, 19th January.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
MONTEVIDEO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd January.
HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 25th February.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNKO MARU	Sunday, 19th January.
HONOLULU MARU	Sunday, 2nd February.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 7th February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
BORNEO MARU	Saturday, 18th January.
SEATTLE MARU	Saturday, 1st February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai)	Monday, 18th January.
MELBOURNE—Via Seattle, Tacoma & Sydney.	Friday, 7th February.
HIMALAYA MARU	Friday, 7th February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hobei & Peking.	
MEMADO MARU	Thursday, 22nd January.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
AMAZON MARU	Sunday, 19th January.
MADRAS MARU	Friday, 24th January.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Sunday, 12th January, Noon.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 19th January, Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 19th January, Noon.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Thursday, 10th Jan. 10 a.m.
TAKAO MARU	Thursday, 10th Jan. 10 a.m.
SOUTH CHINA MARU	Friday, 10th January.



SHIPPING SECTION.

LOST KETCH

Cook's Allegations Against Skipper

Remarkable suggestions against the skipper of the ketch Sutherlandshire Lass were made by George McAllister, a cook, at the Board of Trade inquiry in Aberdeen into the loss of the vessel off the Northumbrian coast in June last. At the previous hearing, Sheriff Laing, who is presiding, told the skipper, George Gunn, of Inverness, that the Board of Trade was going to make a suggestion that the vessel had been scuttled.

McAllister stated that he wished to make an alteration in the evidence he had previously given. He said that on an occasion when he boarded the ketch with the skipper from a small boat, Gunn told him to get a hammer and bar. The captain drove the bar, which was sharp at the end, into the deck close to the bulwarks opposite the pump.

"I asked the captain what he had done that for," said McAllister, "and the captain told me it was to keep us from hanging on so long and to let us get off quicker."

McAllister said that when he saw the captain at Inverness after the loss of the ketch, he told Gunn that

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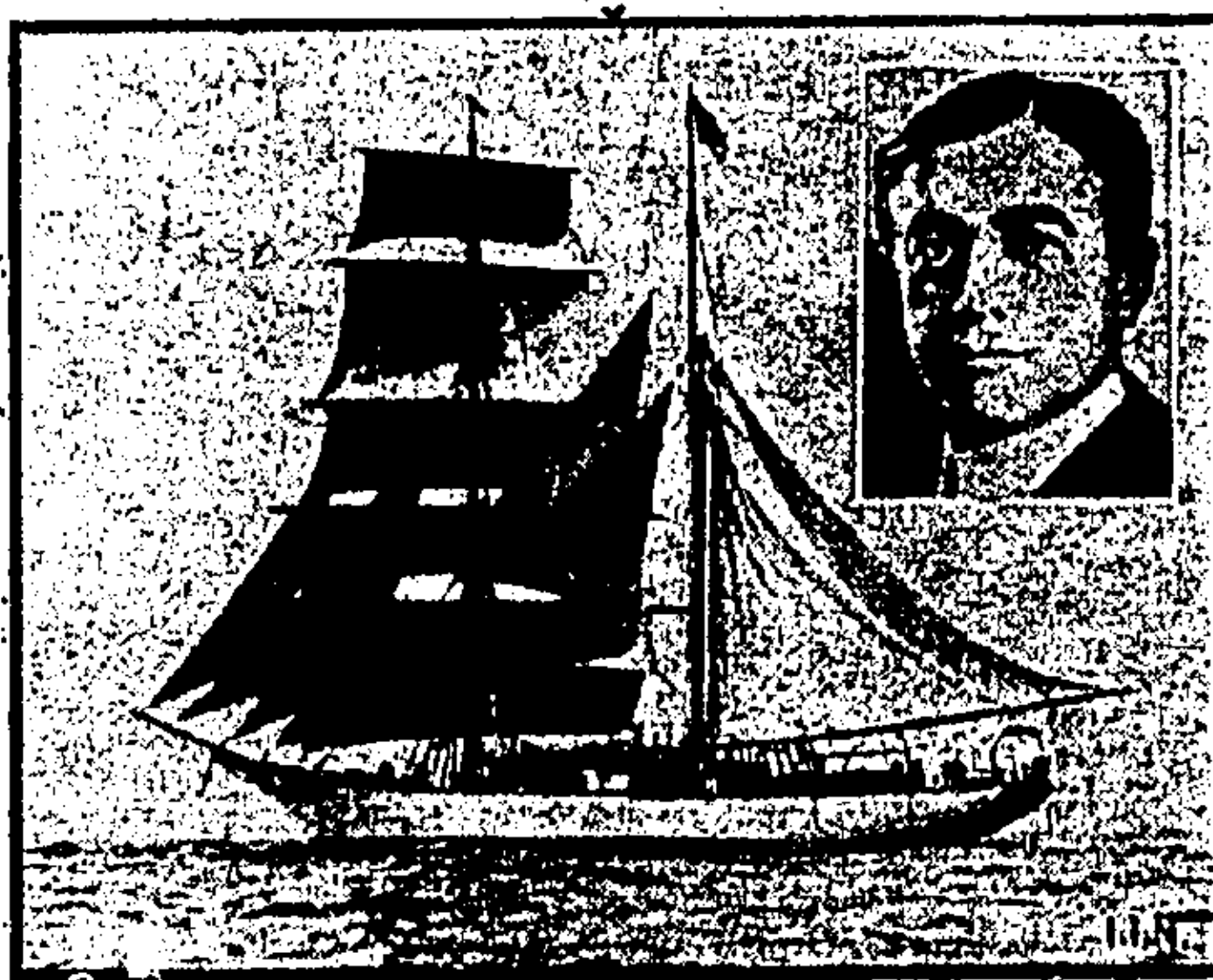
Increased Earnings And Reduced Expenditure

The freight and passenger earnings of the P. & O. Company for the past year had shown an increase, while there had been a considerable reduction in expenditure, states the report of the directors in mail week. After providing for depreciation, there was a credit balance on the year's accounts, including £121,929 brought forward, of £943,956, against £223,029 in the previous year.

"As regards Australia," states the report, "the conditions have been somewhat difficult, but the company has maintained its position. The outlook for next year is on the whole more favourable, and freight prospects, so far as pastoral products are concerned, are generally hopeful. The total number of sheep in the Commonwealth is the highest for over 30 years, giving promise of a good export. The prospects of fruit export are so far favourable. The wheat crop is expected to be below last year's figures."

"There seems no doubt that so far as China is concerned, a real revival has taken place in that great country can only be brought about by a re-

The Ill-Fated Yacht, Carnegie



The Yacht, Carnegie, owned by the Carnegie Institute of Washington, which blew up in the harbour of Apia, Samoa, resulting in the death of the master, Captain J. P. Ault, on 27th December. It had made several trips around the world. (Inset) Captain J. P. Ault.

he would "tell the truth about the ship." Gunn replied, "I will get you five years in Peterhead Prison if you stay in Inverness."

Mr. John Munro, counsel for Mr. Andrew Ross, of Inverness, a former owner of the Sutherlandshire Lass, who acted as manager of the vessel when she became the property of his son, Mr. Alex. Ross, and later of his nephew, Mr. Hector Ross, asked McAllister, "Was it the truth you told on Friday, or are you telling the truth now?"

"Telling the Truth Now"

McAllister—I am telling the truth now because the captain was trying to put the blame on me. He asked Sheriff Laing—What was your motive in misleading us?

McAllister—I was waiting for the captain to turn up and tell the truth himself.

Replied to one of the assessors McAllister said that the "captain drove the bar between the seam of the planks."

The Assessor—In such a way that it went through easily and opened the seams so that water which was on the deck would run into the hold.

Yes, there was plenty of water on the deck.

Cross-examined by Mr. F. G. D. Stewart (representing the captain), McAllister said he thought the vessel would have gone down even if the hole had not been made. He (McAllister) took no part in making the hole.

Stanley Newland, aged 19, assistant steward, who joined the Sutherlandshire Lass before she left Blyth on her last journey, said that he was not surprised when the captain ordered the lifeboat to be got ready, because he had an idea the vessel would not reach Inverness; she was taking in water faster than she had done before, and no pumping was being done. When they were in the small boat a trawler passed, but they did not make any signal to her.

Mr. M. M. Duncan (for the Board of Trade)—Did you not think there was a chance of your going to the bottom?

Newland—I would rather have gone to the bottom.

Sheriff Laing—Why? You are only 19.

There was a burst of laughter when Newland replied, "If I had gone down, I would not have had to come here."

Sheriff Laing—If it is any comfort to you, may I say you are the best witness we have had since this inquiry opened.

Andrew Ross, the manager of the vessel, who was recalled to the witness box, said that there had been strained relations between Gunn and himself after the sinking of the boat.

Mr. Duncan—Why was this vessel thrown away?

Mr. Ross said it was impossible for him to say, but he has come to the conclusion that the vessel could not have been sunk by the removal of the plug near the rudder.

Mr. Ross said that it was not to his advantage that the vessel should be salvaged, and that he had no objection to its being sunk.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were—

In Basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Cornflower," "Marston," "Iroquois."

West Wall: "Kent" (flagship). In Dock: "Seraph," "Petersfield," "Sterling."

No. 1 Buoy: "Hermes." No. 4 Buoy: "Herald." No. 8 Buoy: "Hercules."

No. 10 Buoy: "Sphinx." No. 11 Buoy: "Thetis." No. 12 Buoy: "Magdalen."

No. 13 Buoy: "Sphinx." Foreign gunboat "Argus."

French gunboat "Argus." U.S. gunboat "Helena."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. E.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on January 8 (Wed.) at noon, left Nagasaki on January 8 (Wed.) at 11 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on January 10 (Fri.) at 7 a.m. She leaves Shanghai on January 11 (Sat.) at 5 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Labore" left Shanghai for this port on January 8 at 9.30 a.m., and is due here on January 11 at about noon.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES

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DIRECTOR CHARGED

Case Against Mr. W. J. Williams Withdrawn

A misfeasance summons taken out by the liquidator of the Sovereign Shipping Co., Ltd., was before Judge Bennett, in the Chancery Division. The respondent was Mr. Watkin James Williams, the Cardiff shipowner.

Mr. Gavin Simonds, K.C., for the liquidator, said the summons was in respect of certain matters in the liquidation of the Sovereign Shipping Co., Ltd. The liquidator charged misfeasance against certain directors, and made claims rising out of it. Counsel had come to terms with Mr. Topham, K.C., who appeared for the only respondent now before the court.

There were in substance three respondents, Frederick John Munday and his trustee in bankruptcy, Mr. William James Williams, Mr. Munday and his trustee did not appear, and the summons as against them failed, as the liquidator did not propose to proceed against them.

Regarding Mr. William Grove Williams, a compromise was reached some time ago, and there had been an order staying proceedings against him. There remained Mr. Watkin James Williams, for whom Mr. Topham appeared.

Mr. Simonds said, as these were misfeasance proceedings, it was necessary to obtain the sanction of the court to the arrangement which counsel had made regarding Mr. Watkin Williams.

The Judge thereupon conferred with counsel in his private room. On their return to court, Mr. Simonds said:—"Your Lordship has heard and sanctioned the arrangement, which I think it is right to mention in open court, having regard to the fact that charges were made against respondents. Since the proceedings were instituted further information and further evidence have come into our possession, which make it impossible for the liquidator to proceed in the matters concerned. The arrangement agreed upon is that the summons as against Mr. Watkin James Williams is withdrawn, each side paying their own costs, and no further payment being made by Mr. Watkin Williams."

Mr. Simonds agreed, and proceeded. It is only right I should add that since charges of fraud are made in the claim, that those charges are unreservedly withdrawn. Upon that footing I ask your Lordship to make an order dismissing the summons. No order as to costs against Mr. Watkin Williams. The matter has been disposed of as against Mr. William Grove Williams, and as against Mr. Munday and his trustee no order is necessary except that the summons be not proceeded with."

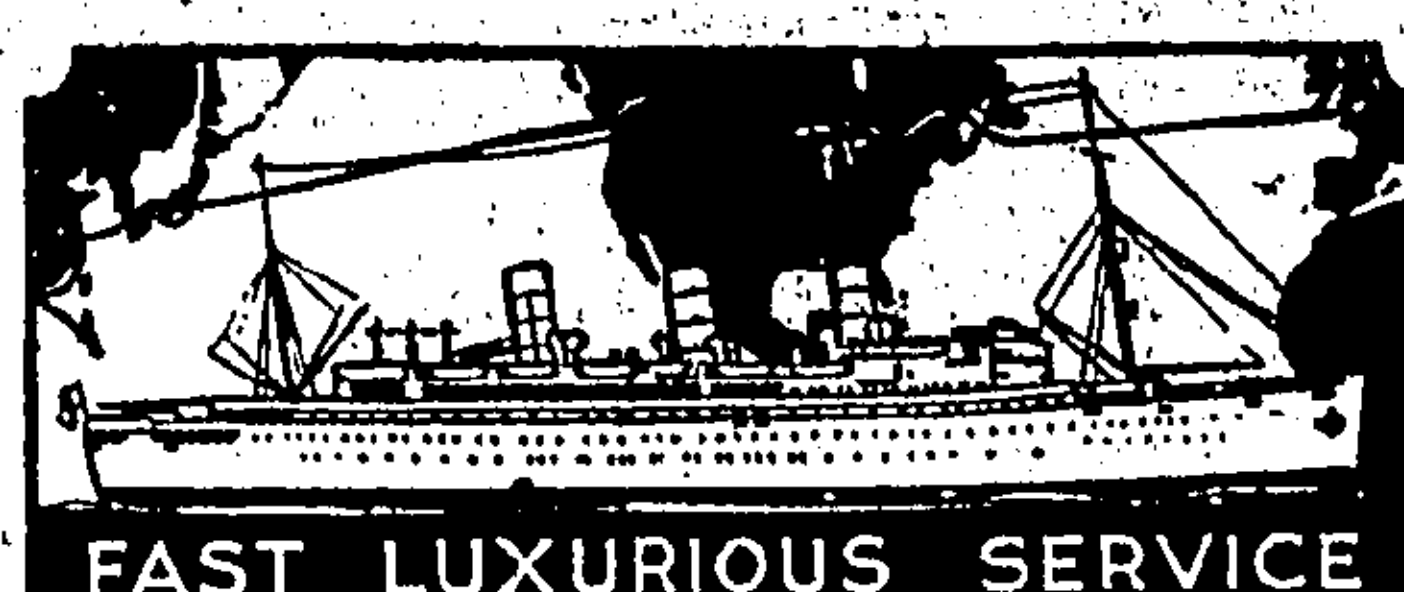
Mr. Topham said he would like to have included in the order that the charges were unreservedly withdrawn. Judge Bennett—Yes, I think you are entitled to that.

Mr. Simonds—I am quite content that should appear in the order. The Judge made the order as agreed.

SWORDFISH PRICES

Fishermen Dispose Of Large Catch in Boston

Sydney, N.S.—Swordfishermen operating out of Louisburg have experienced a splendid market for their product. The swordfish all went to the Boston market and the demand for this delicacy has recently been very great is shown in the price range from 8 cents a pound in the early season to 25 cents for the late season catch. It is reported that altogether the fleet of 125 boats using Louisburg as a base landed in the neighbourhood of 1,700 of the swordfish ranging in weight from 200 to 700 pounds. While swordfishing off the American coast is a sporting proposition for wealthy anglers it is a commercial industry of considerable importance off the shores of Cape Breton Island. Due to the absence of large schools of herring in the past two or three seasons, it is stated that swordfish are not quite so numerous formerly but on the whole they are larger. The heaviest on record locally is 900 pounds. The average is perhaps 300 pounds. Under 100 pounds they are called "babies" and bring only half price.



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*JEYPORE	5,318	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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SHIRALA	7,841	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*KIDDERPORE	5,834	10th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARNATA	9,128	18th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SHIRALA	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASIMIR	8,985	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,936	30th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MACEDONIA	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,950	4th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.

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According to an advertisement of
the year 1888, a certain Edward
Lloyd was the owner of a modest
coffee house in Tower Street, Lon-
don, writes Gilbert C. Layton in
Overseas. Coffee houses in those
days were an excellent business, and
position, for they had become centres
not only of social intercourse, but of
political and commercial discussion.
Lloyd's particular property, being ad-
jacent to the river, enjoyed the
patronage of many sailors whose
vessels had brought merchandise to
the capital. Here, then, was the ob-
vious place in which news of the sea
could be sought—news which, in
those days, was difficult to obtain.

Edward Lloyd sufficiently appre-
ciated the opportunity offered, and
moved his quarters to more commodious
premises nearer the heart of the
City. His patrons followed him, and
after his death, their business be-
coming more complicated, they moved
again and finally into the Royal Ex-
change. During the present century
the need for further space has con-
stantly made itself obvious. The
membership alone has doubled since
1914, so that the magnificent build-
ing in Leadenhall Street, which has
lately come into use was urgently
needed.

Lloyd's News
During the centuries the members
have provided themselves with
numerous aids for their business and
have, of course, been greatly assist-
ed to this end by the progress of
invention. The early written ship-
ping lists, which began to circulate
as soon as a nucleus of interested
persons was collected at Lloyd's
office house, developed into the com-
mercial news sheet. Lloyd's News
was published three times a week.
Known to-day as Lloyd's List and
Shipping Gazette, it is the oldest
newspaper in England with the ex-
ception of the London Gazette.

Very early it was found necessary
to appoint agents for the transmis-
sion of news from all the impor-
tant ports at home and from some
of the Continent. At the present time
there are more than 1,500 such
agents who are at the service of
shipmasters and underwriters.
The forwarding of news is par-
ticularly important at a time
when such inventions as the tele-
graph were as yet unknown, and at
the latter end of the eighteenth cen-
tury the Postmaster-General was not
above making a profitable but un-
official arrangement by which all com-
munications for Lloyd's were deliv-
ered some hours before the private
mails. Lloyd's by this means had a
temporary monopoly of all shipping
news, important information which
it was desirable for all members to
hear was publicly announced in the
Callers' Rostrum. Notice of such
an event was given on the still exist-
ing and still used Lutine Bell. It is
a relic of a French frigate captiv-
ed by the British. In addition, re-
ports received from wireless signal
stations and agents along the coast
are posted up from time to time
throughout the day.

Some "Characters"
An institution such as this has
not lacked its full quota of "charac-
ters." There is John Julius Anger-
stein, believed to be a Russian, to
whose initiative was due the Royal
Exchange was due. He was one of
the first to urge the necessity
of a life-boat service. Again,
there was "Dicky" Thornton, a born
gamble, who was ready to cover
risks of any imaginable contingency.
Thornton was in a position to make
any calls made upon him. Earlier
than his day, however, the gambling
spirit which had caused such disas-
ters as the South Sea Bubble broke
out again, and many undesirable
speculators, publicly offered wagers
on the life prospects of distinguished
invalids, who, reading of the event
in the newspapers, were frequently
badly and, in some cases, mortally
affected.

Such men as Thornton have
brought it about that the London
insurance now plays almost as large
a part in Lloyd's activities as marine
underwriting. Apart from the more
ordinary type of miscellaneous insur-
ance, one can cover the risk of losses
throughout the world. The interests of
these policy holders are safeguarded
not only by deposited securities, valued
at over £10,000,000, but by
guarantee policies to as large an
amount as well as the unlimited per-
sonal liability of every member.
Compulsory annual examination of
underwriters' accounts is an impor-
tant safeguard, and takes place so
that the possibility of meeting obliga-
tions may be demonstrated.

A Strange Document
The marine policy, backed with
such strength is a strange document
indeed. In its essential form it re-
mains what it was in the eighteenth
century, and contains references to
Pirates and Letters of Mark, which
are grating reminders of the day
when seafarers had to face not only
the natural elements, but the pri-
vater and cut-throat. Such a docu-
ment is out of date for present pur-
poses, but it is not totally scrapped;
modern conditions and needs, as they
arise, are met by the addition of
clauses. It is to be understood that
this method is not followed purely
for antiquarian reasons, but meets
with the approval of the legal and
insurance world generally.

Old as is the form of the policy
it would be strange even to Edward
Lloyd (for it did not appear till
over fifty years after his death) if
he could return to see the compli-
cated business mechanism bearing his
name—a name now known in every
quarter of the world where seafar-
ers and those interested in ships
foregather in the furthering of ship-
ping business.

ORDERED FOR SALE
Admiralty Court And
Italian Steamer
The sale of the Italian steamer
Nimbo, ordered by Mr. Justice
Bateson in the Admiralty Court, re-
calls an unusual occurrence in a
November 12 last, when the
Nimbo ran on rocks under construc-
tion at Peasehaven, near Brighton,
and did £6,000 worth of damage.
The steamer was arrested by the
Admiralty Marshal at Southampton,
and a caretaker put on board. Her
crew were taken off with the breeches
brought on the ship.

Messrs. John Gill, Ltd., were con-
tractors for the Brighton Corporation
of the new sewage outfall works and
the underwriters had the steamer
salvaged and taken to Southampton
by tug of the Dover Harbour Board,
and the Harbour Board also had a
claim for salvage.

Mr. Dumas for Messrs. Gill, Ltd.,
asked the Court to order the ship
appraised and sale of the ship
against which they had a damage
claim. The Nimbo, he said, reached
Southampton on November 22 and
the underwriters then ceased to have
any interest in her. The Dover Har-
bour Board had issued a writ for their
expenses. The vessel was said
to be worth £2,000. For breaking up
purpose, certainly, for more than £2
a ton, and was a constructive total
loss. The contractors' claim for
damage to their works would more
than eat up the value of the fees.
Docks dues were about £20 a week,
and a pump of the Dover Harbour
Board stood by with a man to work
it. In 1886, in the case of the Her-
cules, Mr. Justice Butt said that in
such a case there must be an
affidavit of the facts, and the Ad-
miralty Marshal had made a report,
in which he said the property should
not be allowed to be sold.

Mr. Justice Bateson ordered the
appraisal and sale of the Nimbo,
and gave leave to all parties to bid,
and empowered the Admiralty
Marshal to sell by private treaty if
he desired. The Dover Harbour
Board assented.

GRAIN FLEET

S.S. Stadacona Launched At Midland

Midland, Ontario.—The launching of
the S.S. Stadacona recently was
the occasion of a general half hol-
iday, the whole population turning out
for the event which presages the
placing in service of one more splen-
did addition to the grain fleet of the
Canada Steamship Lines.
The S.S. Stadacona was construct-
ed by the Midland Shipbuilding Com-
pany, whose yards are situated at
one of the great of the Upper Lakes in-
cluding S.S. Glenora and S.S.
Lemoyne, the latter holding all the
grain carrying records of the Great
Lakes. The new vessel is a sister
ship to the Glenora. She is 598
feet in length with a breadth of 60
feet and moulded depth of 32 feet.
She will be capable of carrying
440,000 bushels of grain and will be
in the ore trade as well.

PASSENGER LIST

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S. E. Allard, Mrs. C. Parker, E.
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Lever, Mrs. E. Lever, Miss A. V.
Lever, Mrs. C. Chatterton, W. H.
Atkins, Commander, and Mrs. G. H.
Wilson and two children, W. J. Pound,
E. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ross,
H. Grant Davis.

The Minister of Labour has appoint-
ed Mr. Hugh Pattison MacMillan, K.C.,
to be the "Court of Enquiry" to in-
vestigate the dispute regarding wages in
the wool and allied textile trades of
the northern counties.

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landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hong Kong and Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the
wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 7th instant.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godown, and
all Goods remaining undelivered after
the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 28th inst. or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
18th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effect-
ed.

Bills of Lading will be countersign-
ed by

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Hong Kong, 7th January, 1930.

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MANILA.

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ed at their risk into the Godowns
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
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Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may be ob-
tained.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 28th inst. or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
18th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
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ed by

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship, "BENVRACKIE"

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ed at their risk into the Godowns
and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from
the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
10th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 24th inst. or they will not
be recognized.

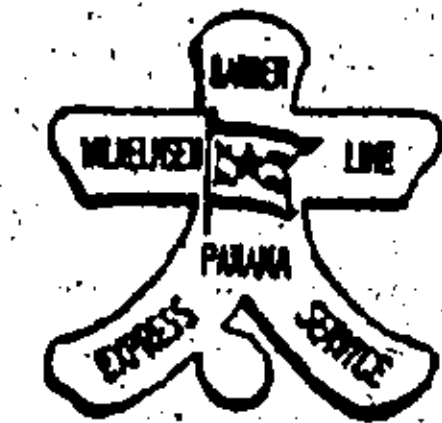
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where they will be examined on the
8th inst. at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
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CHILEAN FLEET

Two Submarines At Portsmouth

The officers and crews of the two
Chilean submarines, which arrived
at Portsmouth, were the guests of
the Lord Mayor, Councillor J. E.
Smith, at a luncheon in the Lord
Mayor's banqueting room at Guild-
hall. Supporting the Lord Mayor
were the Chilean Minister, Senor
Antonio Huneeus, head of the
Chilean Naval Mission in Port-
smouth; Rear-Admiral Luis Esco-
bar, Naval Attaché; and Comman-
der Alberto Obrecht.

Replying to the toast of the
Chilean Republic and the
Chilean Navy, proposed by the Lord
Mayor, Senor Huneeus remarked on
Chile's extraordinary friendship
with England. For ten or twenty
years, he said, all the Chilean boats
had been built in Britain. The two
submarines were one of the results
of a century's collaboration and
friendship.

Three thousand hens, travelling
in a "hen pullman" of the Canadian
National Railways from Prince
Edward Island to the market at
Boston, will eat two tons of feed,
drink 2,000 gallons of water and
lay about 240 dozen eggs.

HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by aid of the Tide-
predicting Machine, which includes 40
components for the better prediction
of tides, from the result of the
analysis of the tidal observations,
taken at the Kowloon tidal obser-
vatory under the direction of Dr.
Dobson during the years 1887, 1888
and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kowloon; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval Yard and
Abodeen, the differences being very
small.

The times of high and low-water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slackwater and
change of current, the two phenomena
being quite distinct.

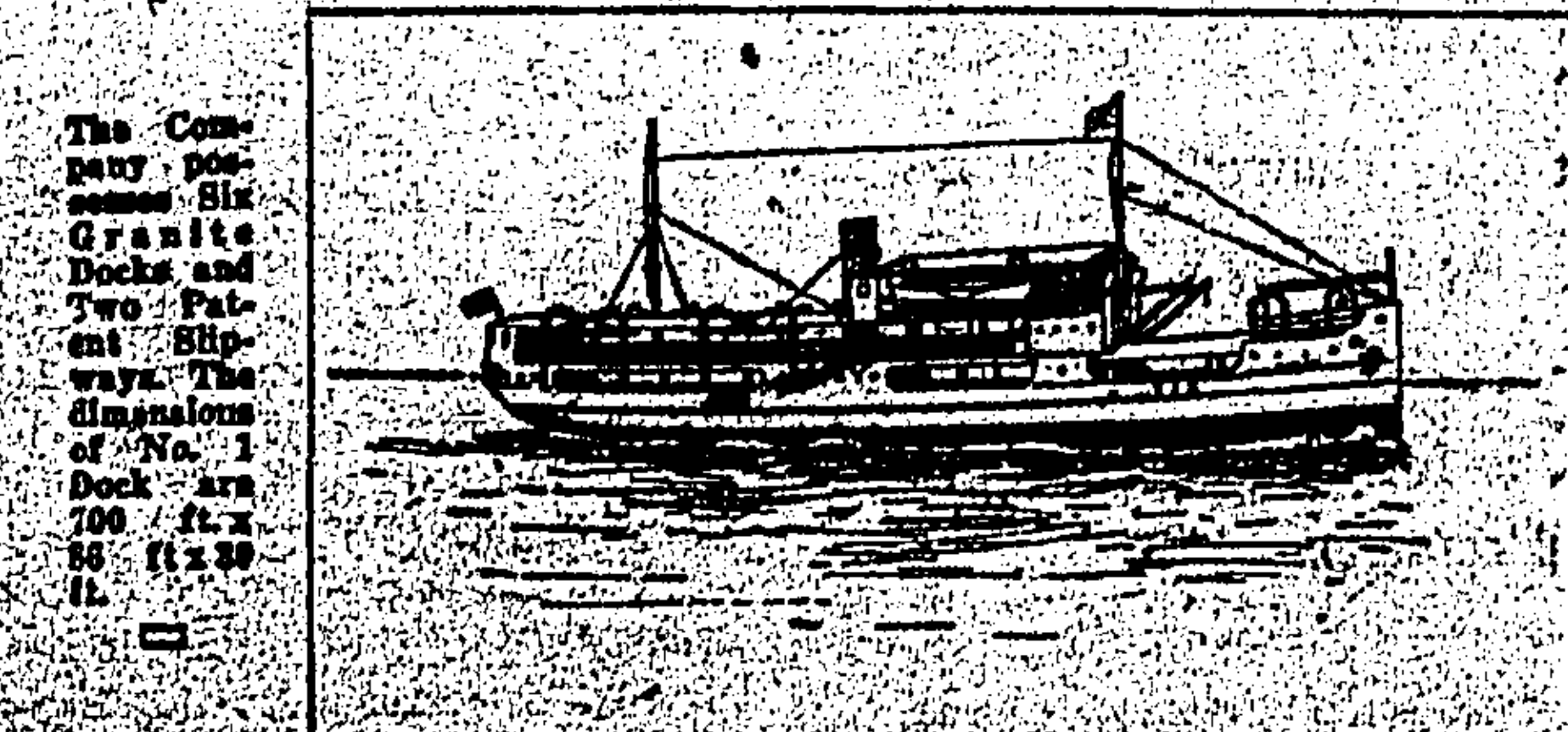
January 9 to 15, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
THUR 9	m 3 43	5.0	m 10 15	2.7
	4 51	4.8	11 46	2.3
Fri. 10	m 5 15	4.6	m 10 50	5.0
Sat. 11	6 30	4.3		
	7 38	4.3	0 58	2.4
Sun. 12	8 55	5.9	m 11 35	5.1
	9 55	4.2	0 15	1.5
Mon. 13	6 48	7.5	0 40	2.3
	9 1	4.1	1 30	0.9
Tue. 14	7 35	5.0	1 30	3.3
	8 10	4.1	3 24	5.4
Wed. 15	8 35	5.4	1 45	2.5
	9 10	4.5	4 4	0.9
	9 17	5.5	5 27	2.3

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EX-MINISTER JAPAN SCENES

COUNSELLOR WHO WAS JAILED IN PARIS EMBASSY

INCIDENT RECALLED

Moscow, Yesterday. The trial has opened in the absence of M. Besselowski, the ex-Counselor of the Soviet Embassy in Paris, on a charge of embezzling \$15,270, belonging to the Embassy's funds.—Reuter. [The Soviet Embassy at Paris was a scene of excitement on October 3, when the first counselor, M. Besselowski, clambered up the rear wall, then dashed to the Prefecture of police and implored the officials to secure the release of his wife and son, who, he said, were imprisoned in the Embassy. M. Besselowski declared that the Moscow "Cheka" had despatched an official to interrogate him on his recent change of political views. He said that he declined the envoy's demand to return to Russia in answer to a charge of heresy and requested to be allowed to depart with his family. The Soviet envoy then produced a revolver and prevented his departure. M. Besselowski escaped through the back premises, and brought back the Director of the Judicial Police, who secured the liberation of his wife and son.]

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Madame Tsoi Kung-shi Arrives at Hong Kong

Canton, Yesterday. Madame Tsoi Kung-shi, whose husband, the late Shantung Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, was killed in 1928 in the Tsinan incident, arrived at Hong Kong on January 6, after a tour in the Straits Settlements, to obtain subscriptions for a school in remembrance of her late husband. It will be recalled that immediately after the death of her heroic husband, Madame Tsoi petitioned the National Government for permission to establish a memorial school in her husband's name. Her petition was sanctioned by the Government, and the Chinese people in the Straits Settlements were requested to assist her with donations. As a result, it is reported that Madame Tsoi has obtained more than \$200,000 for her purpose.—Canton News Agency.

COAL INDUSTRY

Time Not Ripe For A World Agreement

Rugby, Yesterday. The Preparatory International Technical Conference on the conditions of work in the coal mining industry, which is being held at Geneva, began to-day with a general discussion on the question of wages. Mr. A. J. Cook, the British miners' delegate, spoke in favour of international machinery to fix minimum wages. The Government delegates of Germany, Poland and France, as well as coalowners who spoke, considered that the time was not yet ripe for the conclusion of an international agreement on this subject. The general opinion at present appears to be that the idea of a conference on wages will be abandoned for the time being.—British Wireless Service.

"SPARKS" LIFE

Conference To Revise Conditions At Sea

Rugby, Yesterday. A conference was held in London to-day between the Association of Wireless and Cable Telegraphists and Engineering and Allied Employers, regarding the request of telegraphists for a revision of the present conditions of service of marine wireless operators. The case for telegraphists having been stated, the conference was adjourned to give employers an opportunity of considering the position.—British Wireless Service.

POLICE TAX PAYMENT EXTENDED

Canton, Yesterday. The Canton Municipal Bureau of Finance and Public Safety have jointly issued an order to the effect that the date for the payment of shop registration and police tax was formerly fixed between December 31 and 1929. Though many merchants have complied with this order, yet a number of others have looked upon the order as an infringement of their rights.

NATIONS CONFIDENCE SHAKEN BY LATE SCANDALS

ELECTION NEEDED

The 57th session of the Japanese Diet will probably be dissolved before the end of January. Political observers are generally agreed that, barring unforeseen developments, the Premier, Baron Hamaguchi, will ask the Emperor to decree dissolution and call for a general election after the interpellations to be held when parliament reconvenes. The Diet was convened on December 23 and went into recess for the New Year holiday after replying to the Speech from the Throne. It is due to meet again on January 21 and the members will start interpellations immediately after the speeches of the Premier, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Minister of Finance. Rumours of dissolution have been rampant for months, largely based on a belief that the public has lost confidence in the present political organizations, as now constituted, because of the widespread revelations of graft and malfeasance in office, particularly by members of the cabinet of the late Baron Tanaka. In the event of a general election being held the Government party—the Minseito—is confident it will be successful, apparently because its record is less black than that of its principal opposition, the Seiyukai, which was headed by the late Baron Tanaka. A number of Seiyukai leaders now are in gaol, while only one Minseito leader, Ichita Kobashi, the former Minister of Education, has been under examination. Kobashi was forced to resign when his name was linked with an old case of graft, the Premier demanding that he should leave the Cabinet and undergo investigation. A preliminary investigation, however, brought no specific evidence of guilt against the ex-Minister.—United Press.

"KIDNAPPED"

How R. L. Stevenson Wrote His Novel

In a lecture to the members of the R.L.S. Club in Glasgow, Mr. David B. Morris, Town Clerk of Stirling, discussed how the novel "Kidnapped" and its sequel "Catriona" had formed itself in the mind of Robert Louis Stevenson. Mr. Morris said that from his third to his twenty-fifth year Stevenson spent a good deal of holiday time at Bridge of Allan, and there he was in a hereditary haunt of Jacobitism, as the district was full of tales of the plottings and escapades of the Jacobite lairds of the neighbourhood. Stevenson, he said, had conceived a great interest in the Clan Macgregor, especially in the notorious Rob Roy and his sons. Rob played a conspicuous part in South-West Perthshire and West Strathgairn, and Stevenson introduced two of his sons, James More and Robin Oig, into the narrative. It had to be remembered that Catriona, Stevenson's heroine, was a daughter of James More Macgregor.

Many of the incidents which Stevenson incorporated in his tale were historical, and Stevenson came to know of these through a wide course of reading which he undertook for a definite literary purpose. That purpose was originally a history of Scotland in the Eighteenth Century, viewed from a peculiar angle of Stevenson's own conception, but the project was departed from, and he used the material which he had collected in the writing of his novel. The lecturer concluded by remarking that the true genesis of "Kidnapped" was just in the heart and brain of Robert Louis Stevenson himself. No other could have written the tale, which was a bit of himself as surely as anything ever was that came from the being of its creator.

PAISLEY FIRE

Cinema Manager Allowed Bail

London, Yesterday. Mr. Charles Dorrard, the manager of the cinema at Paisley, which nearly 20 children lost their lives on New Year's Eve, has been allowed bail. He is charged with culpable homicide.—Reuter.

EDITOR HONOURED

Freedom of City For Mr. G. P. Scott

London, Yesterday. Mr. G. P. Scott, the editor of the "Daily Mail," was honoured with the Freedom of the City of London.

DEMPSEY-FIRPO FIGHT ON SCREEN

AT MAJESTIC THEATRE TO-DAY

The historic "Dempsey-through-the-rope" scene in the Dempsey-Firpo fight has been reproduced for the screen in "The Patent Leather Kid," Richard Barthelmess's big First National production, which comes to the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon to-day. At the Hollywood American Legion Stadium, the thrilling prize-fighting sequences were enacted under the direction of Alfred Santell with technical advice from several noted pugilists, including Mickey Walker, present holder of the middleweight championship of the world. In the scene alluded to, Barthelmess, as "The Kid," knocks Mickey McMin (who in real life is an ex-pugilist) through the ropes, only to be knocked out himself in the next round. Thousands of extras were used in these boxing scenes and prominent authorities on boxing acclaim the results as authentic. Barthelmess portrays the title role, a hard-boiled fighter whose apathetic attitude toward his country's part in the War goes through an amazing metamorphosis as a tank nurse in the tank corps. The tank sequences have been produced on a gigantic scale and is the first motion picture epic of the very important part played by these juggernauts in modern warfare. A remarkable cast supports Richard Barthelmess, including Molly O'Day, a sensational screen find who plays the feminine lead; Arthur Stone as Jimmy, the trainer; Matthew Betz as Stuke, the Kid's manager; and Raymond Turner as the coloured second Molasses. Lawford Davidson is the villain.

"EVANGELINE"

Picture For "Every Member Of Family"

"Evangeline," at the Queen's Theatre, is an entertainment of the highest order. Here is the type of picture upon which the very foundation of the motion picture industry was built. It is the type of story that every member of the family can thoroughly enjoy. Dolores Del Rio, as usual, gives a splendid performance. Her work is restrained and sincere. Edwin Carewa, who directed, seems to have captured the delightful spirit of the poem.

EXAMINATION

"A Cold Shadow On Education"

Sir Michael Sadler, Master of University College, Oxford, asked by a reporter for his views on the letter in the Press, in which the tutor said that Oxford had gone "Ga-Ga," and that the best Public School boys were deserting the Oxford family traditions and insisting on going to Cambridge, said examinations were necessary. "I am not running amok against the whole system," he said, "but I think that in Oxford they are on the point of becoming a danger both to tutors and undergraduates. The effect on the clever men has been that they learn things on paper instead of going direct to the facts themselves. The analytical sense is being developed at the expense of the appreciative, and the power of getting things out of books rather than the habit of looking at the things themselves. Whether this is true of Cambridge as well only Cambridge men can tell. The evil is not confined to Oxford but is spreading like a cold shadow over the whole of English education. There is one thing I should like to add: In Oxford we have no general staff. There is no proper liaison between the different faculties and boards which discuss University problems. Attendance at these boards is diligent, punctual, and meritorious, but there is no deliberate thinking out of a new University policy to fit the new needs of the country and of the young. The defect could be cured easily. What is most wanted is a change of spirit at the central office of the University. My impression is that at Cambridge they have more unity of leading minds for the discussion of future academic policy. Meanwhile, Oxford is splendidly rich in first-rate ability and devotion to the public interest. I am inclined to think that Oxford is suffering from the effect of too highly developed honours schools. The standard in Greats, for example, is between two and three times as high as when I took 'Schools' in 1884, but I doubt whether the men who go in for Greats are really wiser than my contemporaries."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
To-morrow—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.
Jan. 11—Royal Marines Old Comrades Association Dinner.
Entertainments
To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Evangeline."
To-day—Star Theatre, "Masks of the Devil."
To-day—World Theatre, "Woman Disputed."
To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Patent Leather Kid."
To-day—Helena May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.
Home Mail
To-morrow—Inward from London (Hector); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kladderport), 2.30 p.m.
Sport
January 12—Furling Hunt and Race Club Paper Chase, Souza's Bungalow, 11.30 a.m.
Meeting
To-morrow—Regular Monthly Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China (Hong Kong Branch), 67, Des Voeux Rd., C.I., 6 p.m.
Lambers' Auctions
To-morrow—At 8, Granville Road, (second floor) household furniture, 11 a.m.
Jan. 11—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, antimony and cloisonne ware, 11 a.m.
Miscellaneous
To-morrow—St. John's Cathedral Hall Whist Drive, 8.40 p.m.
Jan. 11—Opening of Scout Officers' Training Camp and Scouts' Company Ground, Saiwan Bay, 3.30 p.m.
January 13—Hong Kong University Congregation Day, 5 p.m.



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:—

- 5.25-7 p.m. (Approx.)—Concert relayed from Helena May Institute.
- Three Songs..... Brahms.
 - Wir Wandeln (We wandered once).....
 - Standchen (Serenade).....
 - Von Ewig Liebe (Love is for ever).....
 - Sonata in G Major ("Waldstein")..... Beethoven. (First Movement).
 - Mr. A. M. Bowers-Smith.
 - Three Russian Songs (in English).....
 - To the Children..... Rachmaninoff.
 - A Fairy Story by the Fire, Merikanto.....
 - The Clock..... Sachnowsky.
 - Love's Philosophy.....
 - Mr. A. M. Bowers-Smith.
 - Seven Preludes..... Chopin.
 - No. 1 in C.....
 - No. 7 in A.....
 - No. 15 in D Flat.....
 - No. 17 in A Flat.....
 - No. 20 in G Minor.....
 - No. 21 in B Flat.....
 - No. 22 in G Minor.....
 - Mr. A. M. Bowers-Smith.
 - Sonata in G Minor for Piano and Violin..... Grieg.
 - 1st Mvt. Allegro molto ed appassionato.....
 - 2nd Mvt. Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza.....
 - 3rd Mvt. Allegro animato.....
 - Mr. A. M. Bowers-Smith and Major J. P. Macnair.
 - 7.45 p.m.—Weather Report.
 - 9 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
 - 10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

The Lancashire Cotton Corporation has increased its capital by £1,551,000 in order to provide funds to absorb a further 25 mills.



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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

February 22, 24, 25 and 26 and March 1, 1930.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary. Hong Kong, January 8, 1930.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONG KONG BRANCH.

MEMBERS are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (DAVID HOUSE) on FRIDAY, January 10, 1930, at SIX O'CLOCK p.m.

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OPENING OF SAIWAN CAMP.

THE "Steam" Launch "SHUN LEE" will leave Murray Pier for Saiwan Bay at 2 p.m. on SATURDAY, January 11. Wolf Cubs, Brownies, and the smaller Scouts and Guides can be accommodated, also a few Officers-in-charge and friends, provided that the total number does not exceed 130 persons. Trams run to Shaikwan and back every four minutes during the day, starting at Western Market.

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LOST SCRIPT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates for the following Preferred Ordinary Shares in the above Company are alleged to have been LOST, Namely, No. 142, representing 100 shares, Nos. 1421 to 1520, and No. 144, representing 50 shares, Nos. 21708 to 21757, Registered in the Name of ROLAND MARGESON DAVIDSON.

Application has been made for the Directors for the Issue of Duplicate Certificates, and should No Objection be Lodged with the Company within Thirty Days from the Date hereof the Application will be complied with, subject to such Guarantees as may be approved by the Directors.

CHAS. S. ROSSLEY, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Jan. 9th, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, January 11, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, A Quantity of Antimony and Cloisonne Ware. Terms—Cash on Delivery. LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers. Hong Kong, January 9, 1930.

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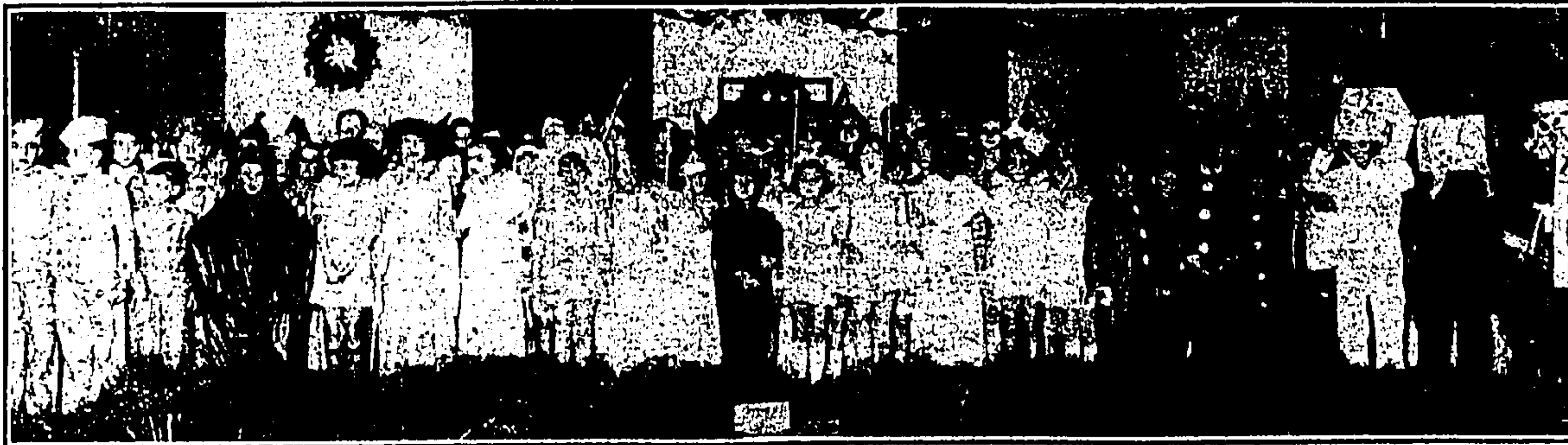
51, George's Building, Ice House Street, HONG KONG.

Foochow, Yesterday.
An official dinner party which ended unhappily for most prominent guests took place here on Monday night, when a gang of Communists suddenly arrested the proceedings to a sudden termination. After holding up the guests with pistols they began their work with axes carried in their victims. Among those killed were the American Consul, Chinese Consul, Commander in Chief of the Chinese Navy and Commander, Chinese Governor of Fukien and five Chinese members of the Provincial Government.

It was reported that Yang Shih-shan, a Chinese general and soldier, was killed. Yang Shih-shan, who had been in Foochow since 1927, was shot in the back of the head.

World News In Pictures

School Children's Show



Pupils of the American School, Shanghai, under the direction of Mrs. H. D. Robison, wife of Mr. Robison, American Trade Commissioner, staged successfully a Christmas operetta in three acts, entitled "The Toys Entertain," in the presence of a large audience.—(Photo by Ah Fong).

"Suicide"—Found Alive



Dramatically revealed as alive and well long after he had been reported a suicide, Richard G. Brophy, former executive of the Byrd Expedition, sped from Omaha to New York to straighten out his affairs and start all over. He had been working on the editorial staff of a Nebraska newspaper for some time.

Banker to Jail



Charles Delos Waggoner, former President of the Bank of Telluride, Colorado, on his way to Atlanta to serve a ten-year sentence for mail fraud in the swindling of \$60,000 from six New York banks. Because Waggoner refused to answer questions, it is likely the banks will not regain their money.

New Ambassador in Cuba



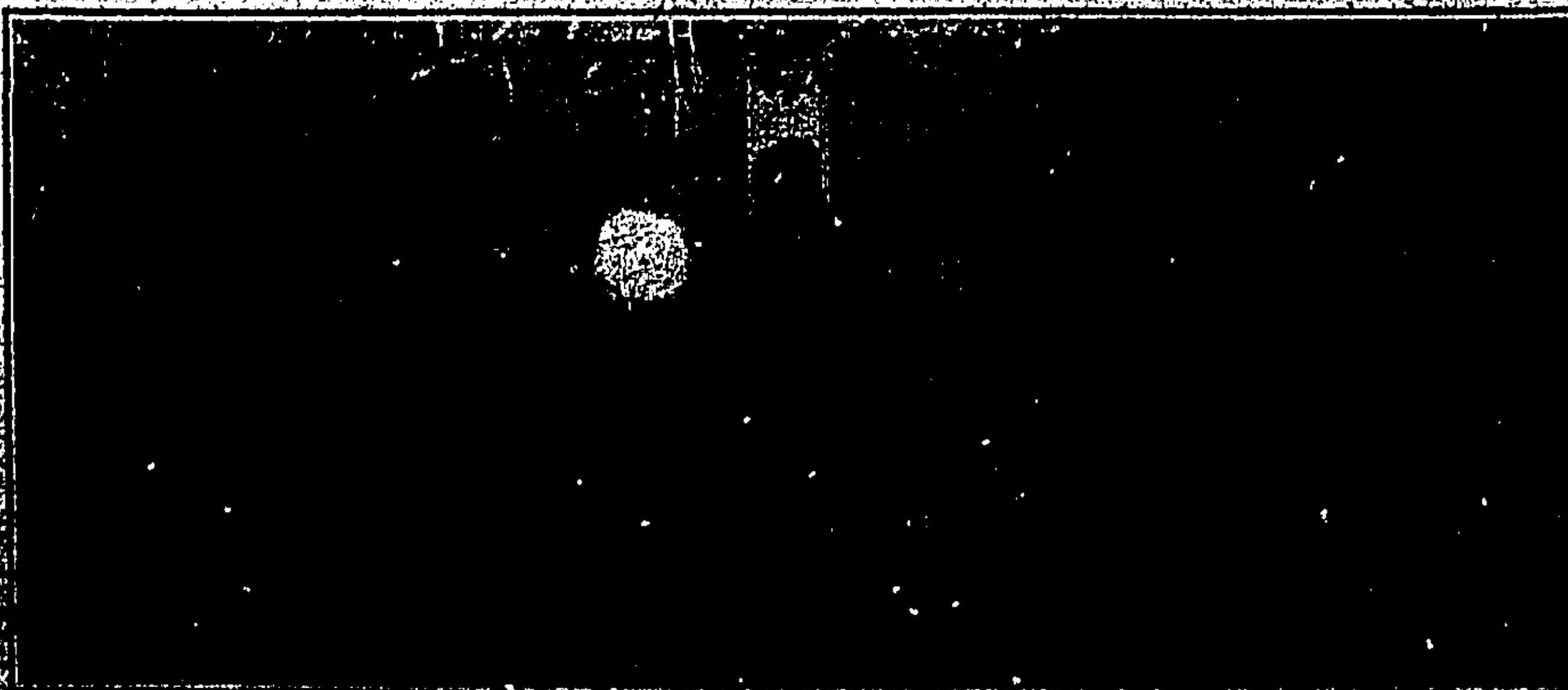
Harry Guggenheim, American Ambassador to Cuba, and Mrs. Guggenheim, on the dock in Havana just after landing. They were cordially welcomed to Cuba by a Committee of Cuban officials. The new Ambassador was escorted from President Machado's home by a squadron of the President's guard.

Boiler Explosion's Toll



A view of the wreckage by the explosion of a boiler in the basement of a Washington tenement store during the height of the shopping hour. Five persons were killed, four were seriously injured and twenty others hurt by the blast which shot streams of steam into the street. The sidewalk was ripped up for a distance of thirty feet along the street, and the steam that shot up scalded many persons passing by.

"Le Torrent" Annual Dinner



Self-Styled Tsar



Grand Duke Cyril, self-styled Tsar of Russia, now with his improvised court at St. Brian, France, who has issued an imperial manifesto offering royal decorations and membership in the Order of St. Nicholas Thaumaturgus for the sum of three dollars. Royal certificates are being distributed to Russians throughout the Western Hemisphere by the Grand Duke's agents, in an effort to raise funds for the re-establishment of a Russian monarchy.

Leaves \$8,000,000



Conrad Hubert, inventor of the flash light, which brought fame and fortune to this immigrant boy. He left the stupendous sum of \$8,000,000 in a fund entrusted to the care of ex-President Coolidge, ex-Governor Smith, and Julius Rosenwald to distribute among charitable institutions.

Fights to Retain Husband



Mrs. Stanley Macomber, a woman who has been fighting to retain her husband, Stanley, who has been in the hands of a woman named Mrs. Macomber.

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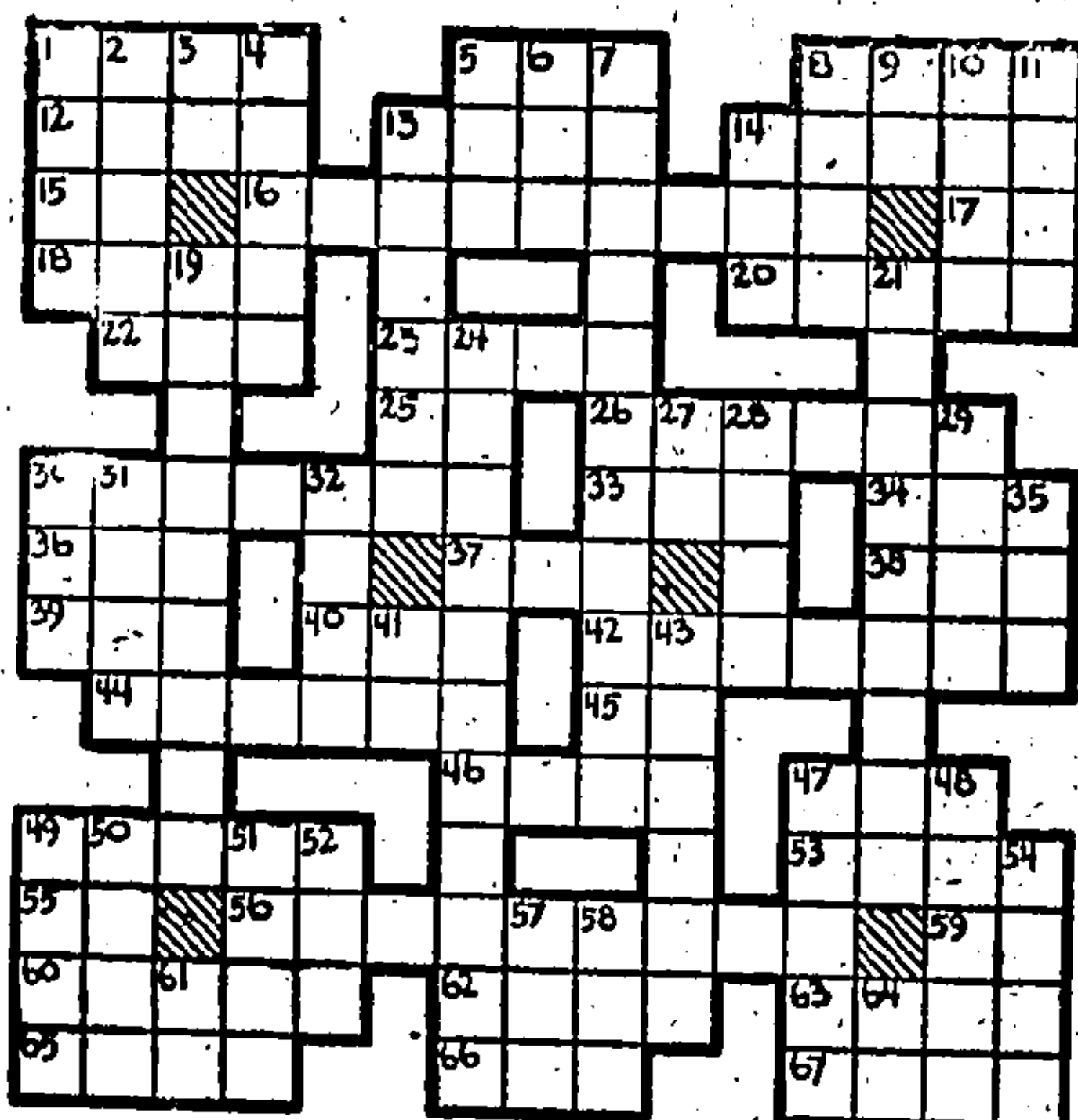
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



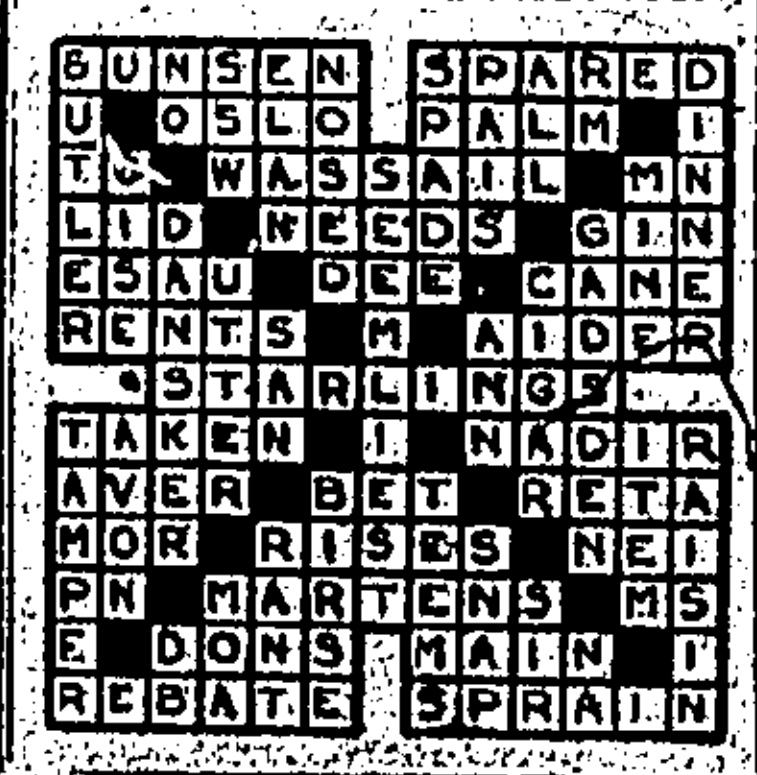
HORIZONTAL
1—Smooth and self-
satisfied
5—To marry
8—A river in N. Mexico
and Arizona
12—Miser (German)
13—Dried and yellow
14—Pertaining to a
royal court
15—Half an em
16—The utmost
17—Personal pronoun.
18—A spice
20—Results of combus-
tion
22—An Atlantic State
of U. S. (abbr.)
23—Paradise
25—Jumbled printing
types
26—Large scissors
30—Moisture
33—To drag behind
34—Decay
35—Friend (French)
37—Atmosphere
38—Anger
39—To rest
40—Sharp blow
42—A negro
44—A vegetable

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45—Toward
46—Always
47—A tavern
49—A mountain nymph
(Greek Myth.)
53—To raise up
54—An Egyptian god
55—A substitute
58—Civil Engineer
(abbr.)
60—A thick
62—Wickedness
63—Spokenard
65—Places
66—An ancient pistol
67—Scrutinizes
VERTICAL
1—A son of Noah
2—A buchanan (Ga.
Myth.)
3—Ancient Chaldean
city
4—A semi-liquid food
5—Very small
6—To go wrong
7—To point out
8—Destroys the con-
tents of
9—Prefix—form of "in"

VERTICAL (Cont.)
10—A white calcium
acid
11—Playing card (pl.)
13—Goats in a liquid
14—Man's name
19—Perfect assurance
21—Unusually violent
24—Vanished
27—Interjection
28—Large-mouthed
pitcher
29—N. American rail
30—Extinct
31—To send forth
32—To merit
33—A number
41—Three-toed sloth
42—Orderly
47—Greek goddess of
peace
48—Mother-of-pearl
49—Gloster
50—Choice
51—Requests
52—Appropriate
53—Revolutionists
57—Plural of ovum
58—A ship's boat
61—Near
64—Ever

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of "Acres of the highest points" on the island and Mainland is published:

Location	Height
Victoria Peak	1,833
Signal Station	1,774
St. James	1,754
Mount Ledge	1,730
The Peak	1,720
Peak of the Peak	1,700
Peak of the Peak	1,680
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A RIVAL TO STONEHENGE

RECENT EXCAVATIONS IN
WILTSHIRE
MYSTERY RINGS

Woodhenge, as a name formed on the analogy of Stonehenge, to signify a prehistoric structure made not of stone but of wood, and a longer in existence as it would be if it were of stone, but decayed to the point of annihilation in the course of decades of centuries, is now a familiar word. It was originally applied, as is common knowledge, to a site in Wiltshire which was detected for the first time in December, 1925, and has been since then carefully excavated; and another Woodhenge was discovered quite recently in a field near North. Both discoveries were made possible by that new resource of archaeology, photography from the air, and both have been described in archaeological journals. There is now published, however, the complete story of the Wiltshire Woodhenge, by Mrs. B. H. Cunningham, who with her husband carried out the excavations on the site during the summers of 1926-27-28. (Woodhenge, by M. E. Cunningham, Devizes Simpson and Co. 25s. net.) It is a highly detailed piece of work, illustrated by a large number of photographic and other plates, and containing special reports on the human remains by Sir Arthur Keith, on the animal remains by Dr. J. Wilfred Jackson, and on other remains by Mr. A. S. Kennard, Mr. B. B. Woodward, Mr. C. D. Heginbottom, and others. The volume contains also what appears to be an exhaustive inventory of everything which came to light during the diggings.

Four Circles
Woodhenge lies in a field in the parish of Durrington, about a mile and a half north of Amesbury, nearly two miles north-east of Stonehenge, and a few hundred yards from the River Avon. Quite near to it are four circles and a certain egg-shaped enclosure, which have also been excavated, their contents being described in the present volume; and not far off are the site of a Roman-British village and other ancient remains. The discovery was made in the first instance by a singularly lucky chance, in December 1925, when Squadron-Leader Russell, V.C., was flying at about 2,000ft. over Stonehenge. When in the air, with both sites in view, he noticed a circle with white chalk marks in the centre near Durrington Walls. He took a photograph, and kept the site under observation, until in the following July, "when the wheat was well up over the site," to quote his own words, "there was no further doubt. Five or six or perhaps even seven closely set rings of spots appeared." Excavations were soon begun, and when the soil had been removed and the surface of the undisturbed chalk had been exposed, it became possible to recover the entire pattern of a long-lost monument, which, as Mrs. Cunningham says, soon began instinctively to be called "Woodhenge" by the excavators. That the name is not a guess is proved here conclusively by Mrs. Cunningham's arguments. The nature of the ancient holes, which were found to correspond with the spots in the wheat, shows that they could have been filled by no uprights of wooden ones, and from an analysis of charcoal found in the soil some of the uprights seem to have been of oak, others of birch, and others of pine.

The Six Rings
Though the site has been subject to constant cultivation and some of its ancient features have been obliterated, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have succeeded in tracing it with astonishing completeness. There are in all six concentric rings of holes, arranged with some geometric skill, from an innermost oval to figures which more closely approximate to circles as they extend outwards. From the innermost ring outwards their number respectively 12, 18, 18, 16, 32, and 60. The hole in the ring of 16 are larger than those in the other rings. Beyond the outside ring was a ditch, beyond that a berm, or flat platform, and beyond that a bank, which has in parts been worn down in the course of cultivation. The whole area has been bought from the owner by Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, who have fenced it off and set up in the holes as far as to make the nature of the monument permanently visible, low cylinders of concrete. These, therefore, occupy the places once occupied by tree trunks. The ground is being laid down to grass and it is Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham's intention to hand it over to the care of some public body.

The number of holes found, however, is not wholly made up of those which form the rings. For besides these holes there are others, and they are as important as any. One set in such a position as to suggest a sacrificial pit for the old times, and another set, which is a long narrow ditch, is a further suggestion of a sacrificial pit. The site is a most interesting one, and it is a pity that it is not more widely known.

THE SPACIOUS DAYS FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RECALLED

MYSTERY OF COUNTESS
WARWICK SOUND
RELICS OF FROBISHER'S MEN

A new theory as to the fate of five men left on Kudlunarn Island by Sir Martin Frobisher in 1576 is advanced by Donald B. Macmillan on his return to Sydney, Nova Scotia, after two months' exploration in Baffin Land. Sir Martin Frobisher was the earliest of British navigators to attempt to find the North-west Passage to India, and his name is commemorated in Frobisher's Strait to the south of Baffin Land. On an island on Countess Warwick Sound, Mr. Macmillan states that he found an ancient stone house, which the Eskimos said was the work of white men. Inside were the bones of a bear and other evidence that it had been used as a shelter. The age of the house and other particulars pointed to the dwelling being contemporary with Frobisher.

Kudlunarn was also visited, and there the party found in very fair state of preservation the house built by Frobisher in Queen Elizabeth's day. Digging in the earth floor, they discovered some pottery and other relics belonging to that period, as well as traces of the shipwreck down which the explorers launched the boats they built after their ships were crushed in the ice. Hitherto it has been supposed that the five men left behind by Frobisher on one of his three voyages to attempt to build a fort to protect the supposed gold mines, had been killed by Eskimos. Careful inquiry among the natives revealed a tradition that the white men were not slain, but built a big boat and set out on a perilous attempt to return to England. The relics found by Macmillan indicate they had proceeded only about fifty miles when their frail craft was crushed in by ice-bergs and one or more escaped ashore and built the shelter in Countess Warwick Sound.

quinox; a fourth may have been intended to mark the south point; while another lying within the innermost circle and on the line of the midsummer sunrise proved to be a small grave, only about a foot deep in the chalk. In it lay a crouched skeleton of a child about three years old; the skull appears to have been cleft before burial, which was therefore perhaps a dedicatory or sacrificial. In the outer ditch the skeleton of a young man was found; his type is discussed here by Sir Arthur Keith, who also describes two skeletons from the adjoining circles.

A Prototype of Stonehenge
What was the relation of Woodhenge to Stonehenge, two miles away? The plans of the two, as Mrs. Cunningham says, show many points of resemblance. It appears (though the reader must be referred to Mrs. Cunningham's book for the particulars of measurement, which all through her work are of the most scrupulous accuracy) that the four inner rings at Woodhenge are in position and dimensions, almost exact parallels with the four rings at Stonehenge. Again, the long diameter of the outermost Woodhenge ring is half that of the Aubrey circles at Stonehenge; while the distance apart of the holes in that ring is on an average, half the distance apart of the Aubrey holes. The central grave at Woodhenge occupies relatively the same position as the altar stone at Stonehenge. Both monuments are orientated towards the midsummer sunrise. On both sites there are indications of a deliberate geometry. Which, then, of the two is the older? Woodhenge, Mrs. Cunningham believes, because the general layout at Stonehenge is much better and more regular and implies in its stone work a greater architectural skill; so that it is difficult to imagine Stonehenge being followed, on a site so near by a structure of less skilful design and in an inferior material. On purely technical grounds it recalls the conjecture made a good many years ago that Stonehenge must have had a wooden prototype. As to date, though the pottery found on the site seems to present various difficulties of interpretation, Woodhenge, Mrs. Cunningham holds, "cannot be earlier than about the beginning of the middle Bronze Age; so if it is indeed the forerunner and prototype of Stonehenge, that monument must be at least as late as the middle Bronze Age, and may be later, as some independent evidence suggests."

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham deserve the thanks of all British archaeologists for this admirable volume, says Mrs. Russell, and for the valuable work they have done in the past. Woodhenge, a prehistoric monument of the late Bronze or early Iron Age, is a most interesting one, and it is a pity that it is not more widely known.

CITY GOVERNMENT TO CARRY
ON THE WORK
THE OLD BUREAU

In accordance with the order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bureau of Foreign Affairs for Kiangsu was to be abolished on December 31, 1929. Beginning January 1, 1930, the following matters which were hitherto dealt with by the said bureau will be henceforth attended to by the secretariat and the respective bureaux of this Government, namely—
1. Matters concerning the issue of passports for Chinese to go abroad, or for foreign missionaries to travel into the interior, as well as the registration and identification of Russians and non-treaty aliens will be dealt with by the Bureau of Public Safety.
2. Matters concerning the issue of certificates to representatives of foreign firms to go into the interior or the certification of contracts or power-of-attorney will be dealt with by the Bureau of Social Affairs.
3. Matters concerning land and the issue of deeds will be dealt with by the Bureau of Land.
4. Matters concerning harbour works, embankment and conservancy works will be dealt with by the Bureau of Harbour Works.
5. Matters concerning the collection of revenues will be dealt with by the Bureau of Finance.
6. Matters which do not fall within the scope of the above-mentioned Bureaux will be dealt with by the Secretariat.
Applications should be made directly to the Bureaux and the Secretariat respectively.

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Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
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10	7.05	5.57
11	7.06	5.57
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13	7.06	5.59
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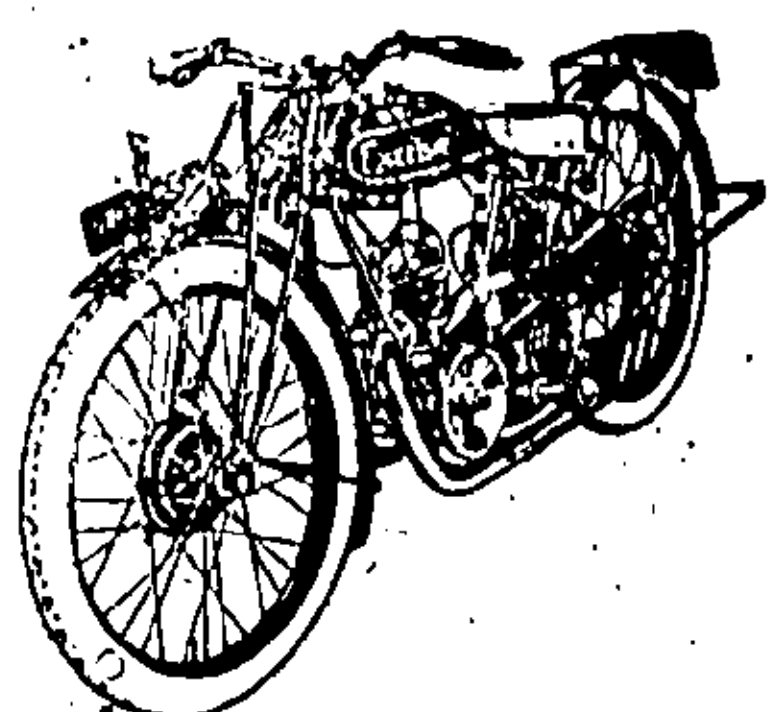
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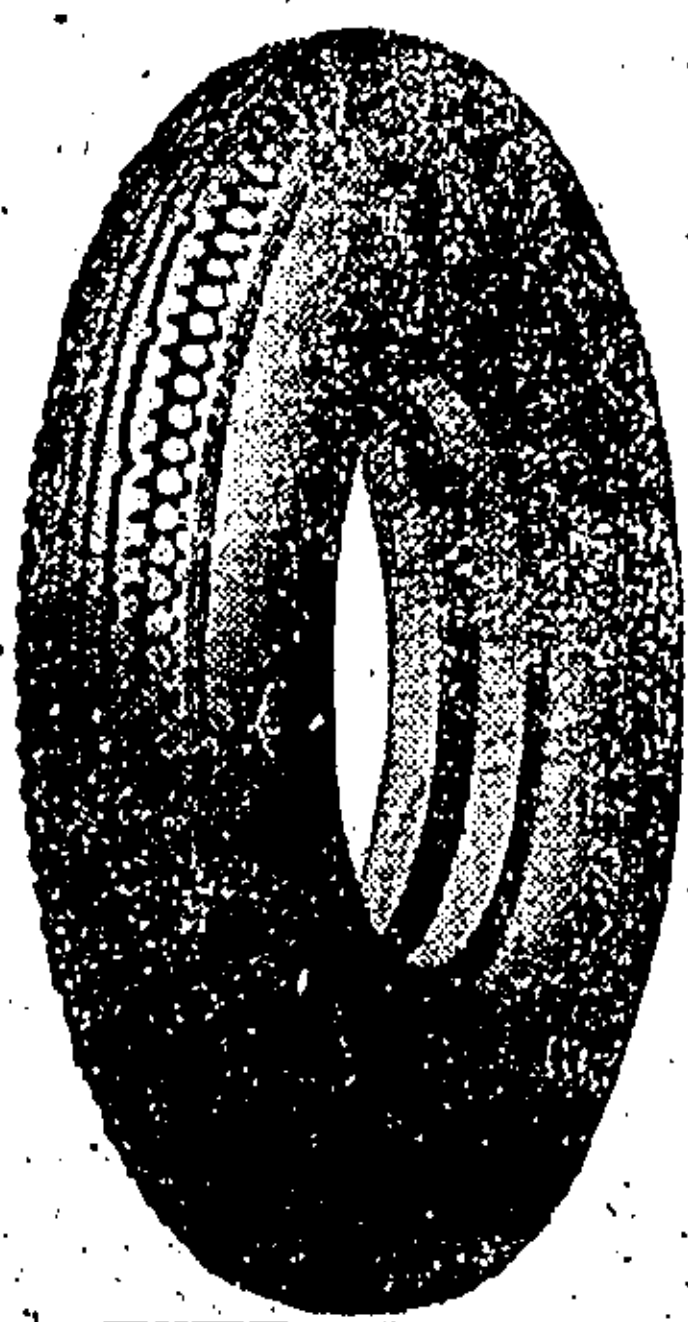
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The car was driven by A. L. Nagelinger, resident of Madras. Ootacamund is a large hill station to which residents of Madras and the surrounding country migrate with the advent of hot weather. The distance between the two points is 402 miles, the last fifty miles over winding mountain roads climbing to an altitude of over 7,500 feet. Nagelinger completed the trip in 9 hours, 10 minutes, nearly 3 hours faster than the former record.

The feat was greeted by enthusiastic press comments throughout India, particular stress being laid on the fact that the Studebaker used was a strictly stock car.

"This achievement recalls the amazing speed records established last April by C. L. Clark of the Swiss Engineering Company of Bombay," said the Manager of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, the local Studebaker-Erskine dealer, in commenting on the record. "In a cross country run between Bombay and Calcutta and Bombay and Delhi, Clark likewise drove a stock Studebaker President Eight Roadster."

"Four hours and twenty minutes were clipped from the Bombay-Delhi record, the President overcoming mud and sand storms which at times all but obliterated the road. In face of these difficulties the President covered the 994 miles in 24 hours, 10 minutes elapsed time. The Bombay-Calcutta run of 1466 miles was made in 40 hours, 15 minutes, 7 hours and 20 minutes faster than the previous best time. Here again, obstacles innumerable beset the President, including even wild animals at night which were attracted by the lights of the car."

"Several months prior to this run, C. E. Perry, a business man of Rangoon, made motoring circles in Burma sit up and take notice, when he blazed his own trail between Rangoon and Mandalay in a stock Erskine Tourer. The trip was made in 48 hours."

"Although the distance is only 385 miles, the utter absence of even a semblance of road and existence of dense jungles and wide stretches of thick elephant grass barring the way, made the record breaking time even more significant."

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"The many complications and new safety requirements imposed by modern traffic conditions are ably covered in these ten commandments for motorists," said Mr. Erskine. "They were compiled at the request of safety workers by Dr. Miller McClintock, director of the Erskine Bureau for Street Traffic Research which The Studebaker Corporation endows in Harvard University as its contribution to the solution of modern traffic and safety problems."

"The rules are based on traffic studies made by the Bureau in city and suburban areas with an estimated total population in excess of 10,000,000 people. The ten pointers which it is believed motorists should always bear in mind whether driving in the city or in the open country are:

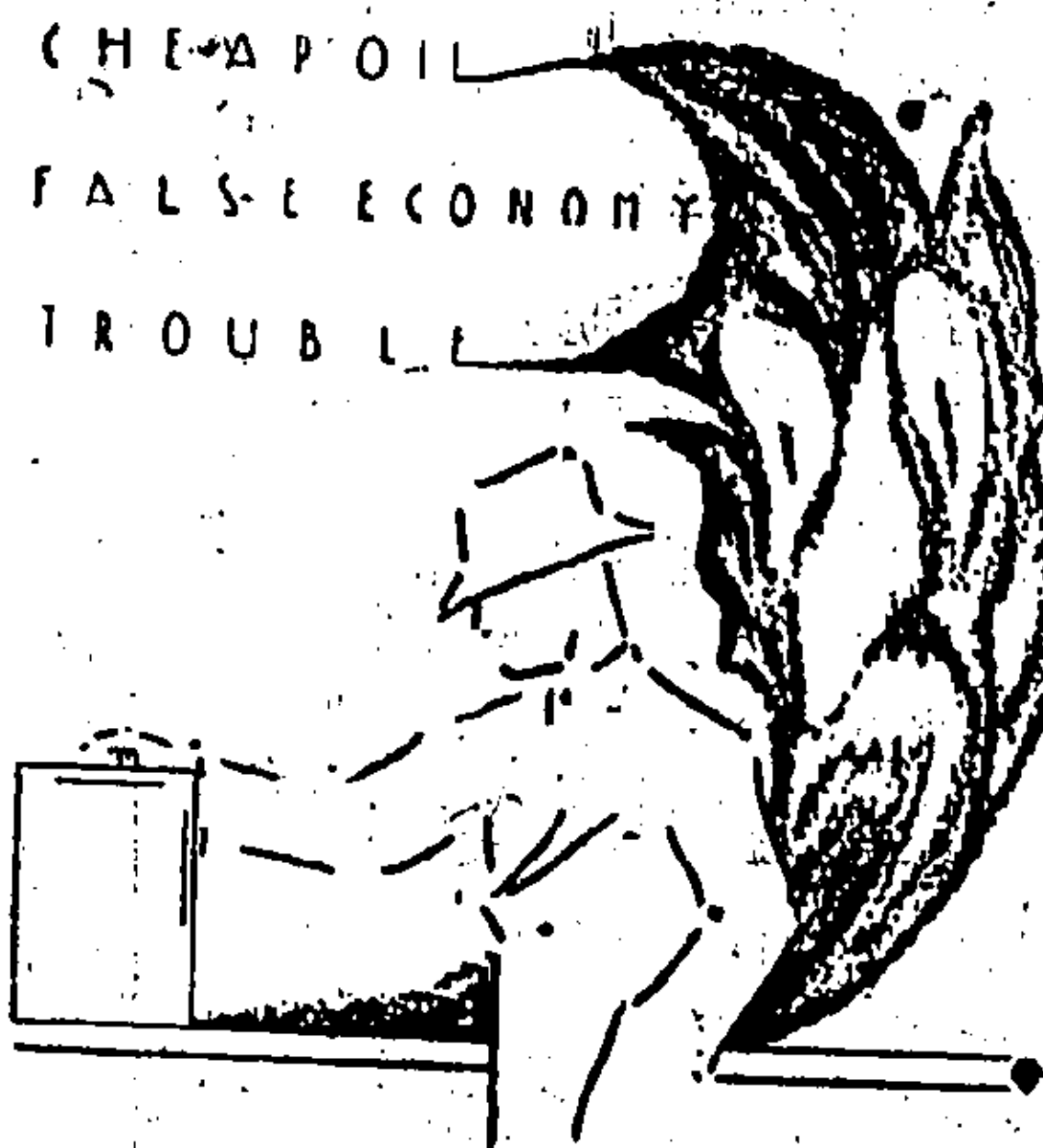
1. Keep your car in sound condition.
2. Keep your car under control—it is dangerous if you cannot stop in the assured clear distance ahead.
3. Keep your eye on the road—one second's inattention may mean an accident.
4. Never fight for the right of way—the only real utility of right of way rules is at inequities or damage suits.
5. Go along with the procession—you have no more right to "drag" traffic than you have to jeopardize yourself and others by unnecessary "cutting in."
6. Be as courteous on the road as you are in your own home—give other drivers and especially pedestrians a fair chance.
7. Know your local traffic rules and obey them exactly—they are the motorist's "safety code" and book of etiquette combined.
8. Take pride in your driving skill: if normal people are nervous to ride with you, something is wrong with your driving.
9. Don't mix liquor, worry or anger with petrol.
10. Study local maps and experiment for shorter and less congested routes; you may be surprised at the time you will save.



Henry Ford, billionaire automobile manufacturer, on his arrival at the White House as a member of the group of industrialists who conferred with President Hoover on the problem of expanding the nation's business. Mr. Ford announced his intention of putting a wage increase into effect at his Detroit and Long Island City plants, affecting nearly a hundred thousand workers. Mr. Ford's optimistic statement follows an assurance that prospects for better business are secure.

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Believe it or not—the truth of the matter is that the cheaper the lubricating oil, the lower the quality and the higher the operating expense. Cheap lubricating oil—like everything else—is expensive, because it can not economically do the work it is supposed to do. It can not, and does not form a perfect seal between the piston rings and cylinder wall. What's the result? Blow by of compressed gas and consequent loss of power. The compressed gas escapes into the crank case, and is wasted. The greater the quantity of wasted gas,

the greater the quantity of benzine required—and benzine costs money.

And what about lubrication? If an oil is so poor in quality as to be unable to form a perfect piston seal, it simply means that the piston rings are in actual contact with cylinder walls—and metal to metal contact creates friction. Friction destroys metal. Destroyed, or worn metal means replacement. And replacement is expensive.

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RACING CARS

A Vanishing Type At Home

The true racing car, if it be not dead, is at any rate moribund. No longer do eager motorists rush to get a glimpse of the latest projectile from some famous factory, nor does the fierce glare of an open exhaust nor the approach, on some road or track, of that engineering miracle, the special racing car (says the "Motor").

There are many who lament the passing of this special type of vehicle which may be described as an elaborate testing plant for all its designer's theories. It is necessarily expensive—very expensive, for probably not more than four or five cars of this type will ever be manufactured. It takes months to design, months to construct, and may, after all that, prove a failure so far as winning a race is concerned.

Rare Racing Cars

Because of the expense and because of the need for getting down to production in these days of keen competition, rival racing cars became more and more rare. Finally, affairs reached such a pass that the organisers of Grand Prix races were faced with the fact that only one, or at most two, firms were left to compete with suitable cars. Therefore, anxious that their efforts should not fail, the organisers of motor races took to a modification of what the Americans call stock car racing, and only those cars which were listed as being available for purchase by the public were allowed to compete in the premier European events.

Naturally, such a step was welcomed by manufacturers, who could then, with very little extra expense, take part in a race with a reasonable chance of success. But certain important personalities in the motor world are already lamenting this state of affairs, for they say that stock car racing has put an end to progress of design.

Manufacturer's Incentives. This, to a certain extent, is true. What incentive is there for a manufacturer to test new ideas by the gruelling ordeal of racing if the vehicles which he enters in competition must be absolutely conforming to a standard? Obviously, it is better to keep the design of

same for two or three years, at the end of which time real reliability, with a reasonably good performance, may be expected. If the manufacturers wish to race with a new type of car or with some important modification to an existing chassis, then they must, in order to be eligible for the contest, undertake to make and to sell a certain number of similar cars during the year. Thus they are let in for producing a large number than is desirable of cars which, after all, may not prove to be as successful as was originally hoped.

Advertising Value

So far as the advertising value of motor racing is concerned, a manufacturer can obviously make more capital out of the fact that a practically standard car won an event than if he boasts of the performance of an altogether special car which may have cost several thousand pounds to construct. Another reason why events for "sports-touring" cars have taken the place of the old-type Grand Prix event, is that terrific speeds now commonly attained have made road racing in particular an extremely dangerous undertaking. There are few men who have the necessary skill and nerve to drive on the road at speeds of 140 m.p.h. or so.

Speeds in Safety

The proposed speedway on the shore of the Wash, which Captain Malcolm Campbell is trying to get constructed, may bring about a revival of the true racing car, for here, it seems, will be a place where the very last word in progress can be tested practically with a greatly minimised danger, both to the driver and to onlookers. It is true that the regulations for some stock car races do permit of certain experimental fittings, but there are always endless arguments as to whether a car is or is not a production model, and what departures from standard are to be permitted. The rules for races for specially built cars can, therefore, be much more simple.

The construction of racing cars, however, seems to occur in waves, and depends on the style of competition in popular favour. In 1908, for instance, everyone lamented the passing of the French Grand Prix races, but a few years later there came a revival with all the glories of the old-time contests. Let us hope, therefore, that the present lack of money for specially built cars is but a passing phase.

IN AFRICA

Fourteen Weeks Of Adventure

What was described in the Cape Town press as "one of the most remarkable African motor journeys ever made," took H. R. Cope Morgan, mining engineer, and his wife, 7,500 miles through the heart of the Dark Continent into lands that a white woman never before had penetrated, and left them safely in British South Africa after 14 weeks of strange adventures.

The journey was made in a Ford truck. The Cape Argus described the unusual trip as follows: "For a thousand miles Mr. and Mrs. Morgan travelled through territory in French Equatorial Africa where a breakdown might have meant death. No food could be bought, and there was not a petrol dump along the route," said Mr. Morgan to a representative of the "Argus." "First there was desert to cross, then thorn bush, thicker bush, and finally the heavy jungle of the Congo. My wife was the first white woman to travel through this wild territory."

"The first great sight encountered was a celebration of the end of Ramadan by Moslem tribesmen in Northern Nigeria."

"Those men are splendid horsemen," said Mr. Morgan. "We saw a thousand of them at the gallop, many wearing old English armour—shining helmets and breast-plates—which their ancestors captured during the Crusades. Some of the chain-mail we saw go back to the fourteenth century. It was a weird and magnificent sight to see in that remote corner of Africa."

"The heat was the greatest hardship during that part of the run, for the temperature would rise from 52 degrees at dawn to 125 degrees at noon. Fresh food went bad quickly, and the party lived on tinned provisions."

"Once over the Belgian Congo border, a fine road was followed to the Kenya border. Mr. Morgan found modern road signs in the jungle, but many of them had evidently been placed there by natives who did not understand their meaning. "Dangerous" signs, which had been erected at bridges and along the road, the effect was startling and amusing."

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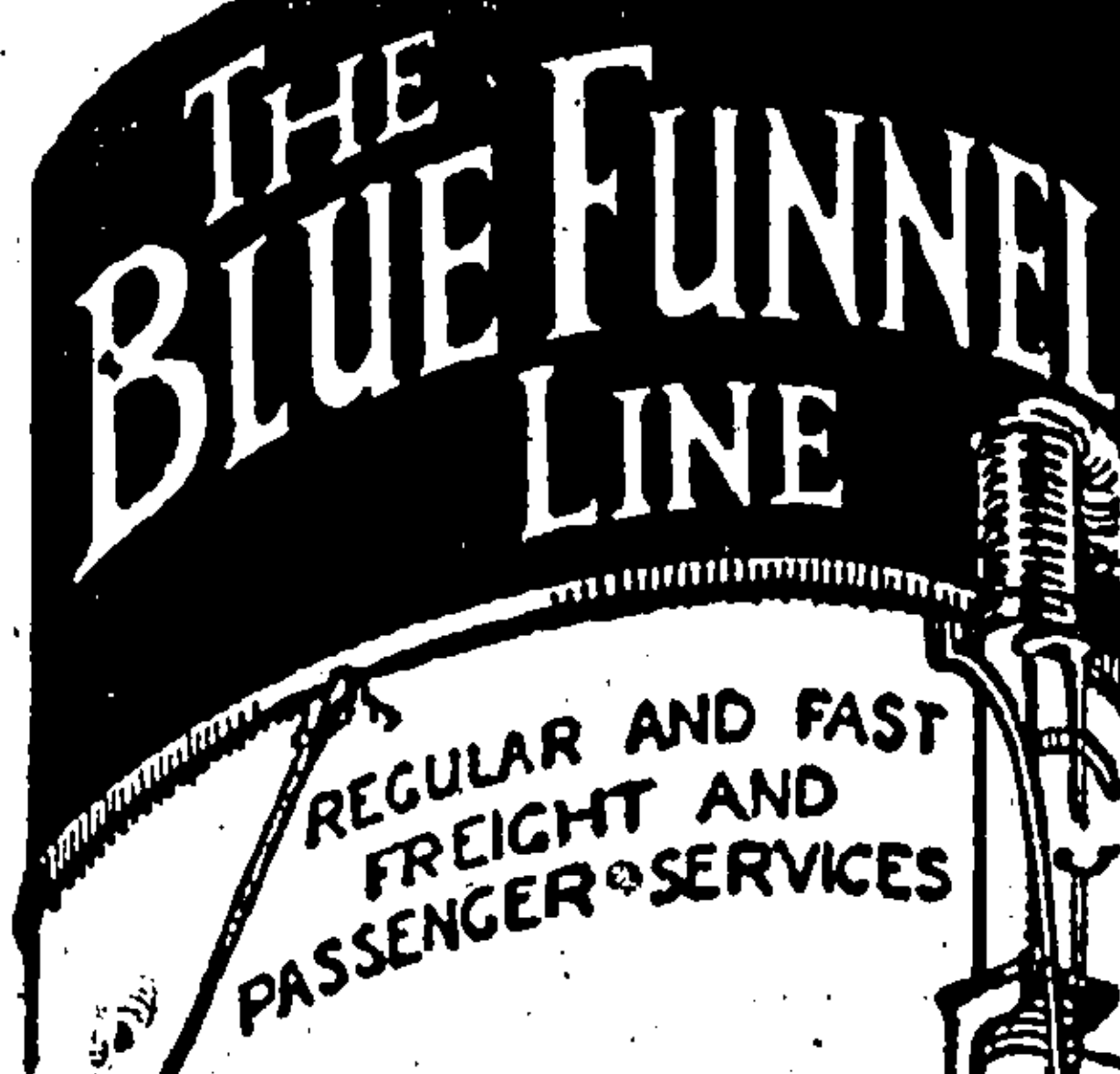
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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day—Chaksang, Apsey, Sourabaya Maru, Tone Maru, Glenamoy, Fushimi Maru, Hakodate Maru, Korea Maru, Philoctetes, Benvenne, Burgenland, Denmark, Tjikarang, Talyuan, President Polk, Kansan Maru, Suiyang, Fooshing, Liangchow, and Kidderpore.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Straits	Kidderpore
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru
London (Parcels, Dec. 5) and Straits	Hector
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning
Shanghai	Lahore
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, Dec. 12, 1929)	Taima
U.S.A. (San Francisco, December 18, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Polk
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.	
Manila	President Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.	
Saigon	Pong Tong 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Anjou 4 p.m.
Swatow	Nanning 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.	
Sandakan	Hinsang 10.20 a.m.
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Talamba
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Parcels Jan. 10, Noon.
Letters	1 p.m.
Kidderpore	2.30 p.m.
G.G. Merlin	5 p.m.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Fushimi Maru
Halong and Tourane	(Due, Marseilles, Feb. 9.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	

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Registration Jan. 10, 4.30 p.m. Registration Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Jan. 11, 9 a.m. Letters Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11.	
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang 9.30 a.m.
Manila	President Polk 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Taiyuan 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Lahore 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.	
Hohow and Bangkok	Chinhua 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Ronan Maru 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island
Registration Jan. 14, 9.45 a.m.
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ALLEGED LOSS OF DIAMONDS

COUNSEL AND QUESTION OF ONUS

THE END IN SIGHT

Arguments on behalf of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, in the claim against them for over \$5,000 for the alleged loss of a parcel of diamonds sent here by post from Antwerp in 1922, were put forward in the closing stages to-day of the Original Jurisdiction action which has been engaging the attention of Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C., in the Supreme Court all this week.

The legal aspect was put forward by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with whom is Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master).

In reply to an offer by Mr. Potter, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E. (instructed by Messrs. Deacons) stated that he did not wish to avail himself of the use of evidence given de bene esse by Mr. Korwin, sub-manager of the defendant bank in 1921.

Mr. Potter's reason for not putting forward this evidence was that Mr. Piguet, the present accountant, had given more complete evidence yesterday on the procedure adopted by the Banque.

Mr. Potter referred to what he described as the most important elements of Mr. Piguet's evidence. He dealt with onus and said that, even assuming the parcel belonging to the three plaintiffs (diamond merchants of Antwerp) had been received by the Banque (via the Hong Kong Post Office, to be handed here to one of the plaintiffs) for safe custody, Mr. Piguet's evidence was such as to negative any allegation of gross negligence on the part of the Banque.

No Suggestion of Negligence

There has not been a suggestion of negligence, Mr. Potter continued, unless mere loss of the parcel can be held to be a prima facie case of negligence. "Our evidence—if it is accepted by your Lordship—goes almost without saying, and it has been unchallenged in cross-examination, to rebut any suggestion of negligence by mere loss," said Mr. Potter.

Counsel for defendants also submitted that Mr. Piguet's evidence established conclusively that the lost parcel was not received by the Banque for safe deposit (in the banking meaning of the phrase); that Mr. Kornitzer (first plaintiff, who was in Hong Kong to sell the diamonds) was aware of the "safe deposit" procedure in the Banque, and that he used that procedure on four (other) occasions.

CIVIL WAR NOW WELL IN HAND

WHEREABOUTS OF TANG SENG-CHI STILL UNKNOWN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

It is reported that General Yen Hsi-shan (who has been appointed by the National Government to take charge of military operations in the North of China Proper) is pressing for the appointment of one of his proteges, General Fu Tso-yi, to the Chairmanship of the Shantung Provincial Government, states a Royal Naval wireless communique issued to-day.

The message adds that the troops under the rebel leader, Tang Seng-chi, will, it is anticipated, declare their allegiance either to General Yen Hsi-shan, or direct to the National Government.

Official Statement

Nanking, Yesterday.

At the Weekly Memorial Service on January 6, President Chiang Kai-shek reported that the military situation against the rebels was well in hand. Two divisional commanders under Tang Seng-chi have been captured, but the whereabouts of Tang, whose forces under Liu Hing are being surrounded, are unknown. The President added that the Vice-Generalissimo, Yen Hsi-shan, having arrived at Chengchow, has decided to despatch troops to Loyang, launching an offensive against the Kuomintang. General Ho Ching-chun is leading the 5th Route Army to suppress Tang Seng-chi.

As soon as the war ends, the Government will immediately give attention to internal political affairs. With regard to the question of the abolition of extraterritoriality, America and Britain have not signified any objection, while Japan has made no declaration, although France holds an opposite view.

To Restore Traffic

Chengchow, Yesterday.
General Yen Hsi-shan has sent an engineering corps to Hsuehchang under the direction of General Liu Chen-hua for the repair of the Ping-Han Railway so as to restore the traffic within the shortest time.

The Shenai troops are advancing forward along the Ping-Han Line; the vanguards are reported to have arrived at Hsuehchang.

Following the fall of Chengchow, Chu-ma-tien, Linyue, and Hsuehchang, (Continued on next column.)

That procedure was not followed in regard to the parcel under dispute; the parcel was only handled by the correspondence clerk; and the Banque were prepared to hand it over to Mr. Kornitzer without a receipt.

Mr. Jenkin is to reply and judgment will be delivered later.

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the rebels have broken into three groups, dispersing over the neighbouring villages.

Advance Ordered

Hankow, Tuesday.
General Liu Shih has ordered five divisions to advance by three routes to attack Yencheng, the only city, which Tang's remnants are now defending.

Nanking, Tuesday.
Over ten planes have been daily sent by General Liu Shih to drop bombs on the rebels, who are likely to retreat from Lui-ho towards Hang-cheng.

Due to the wavering of the insurgents under Kung Hao, the National forces captured Hsuehchang on January 5. Tang Seng-chi has fled, his troops retreating towards the north of Honan.

The flight of Tang Seng-chi has demoralised his troops. Most of the rebels are surrendering to the National forces; the remnants consisting about 6,000 under the command of General Liu Hing are retreating to Yencheng. — Canton News Agency.

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